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NEW YEAR'S LIST OF HONOURS

30 NEW KNIGHTS

KNIGHTHOOD FOR BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL IN CHINA

NEW PEERS AND BARONETS

London, Yesterday. The list of honours, usually conferred at New Year but postponed this year on account of the King's illness, is now issued.

Knight Commander—John Pratt, one of the Consuls-General in China. The new Commanders include Professor Winifred Cullis, Professor of Physiology at the Royal Free Hospital.

A New Knight [Mr. John Thomas Pratt, C.M.G., was born in 1876 and was appointed a student interpreter in 1898. In 1902 he was Acting Consul at Amoy. He was called to the Bar in 1905, and awarded a C.M.G. in the New Year's Honours of 1919. In 1926 he was at Shanghai as Acting-Consul General and later in the same year he was at the Foreign Office. In 1926 he was promoted Consul-General in China.]

Peerages are conferred on the following:—Sir Jesse Boot, of the well-known firm of chemists, for his services in the promotion of education.

Urban Buttleston Rogers Broughton in consideration of public, political and philanthropic services of his father, the late Urban Hanlon Broughton, whose election to the Peerage would have been recommended to His Majesty but for his death on January 30 last. Urban Hanlon Broughton was a well-known British engineer and was engaged for many years in engineering mining and railway work in the United States, becoming President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Sir Berkeley Moynihan, President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Baronetries

Nine recipients of Baronetries include Friedrich Eckstein, Chairman of the Soudan Plantations Syndicate for services to the Soudan, William Horne, Chairman of the Prudential Assurance Company, Alexander Park Lyle, Chairman of the Lyle Shipping Company for services in connection with the Scottish National War Memorial and William Morris, Chairman of Morris Motors.

30 New Knights

Thirty new knights are appointed, mostly for political and public services. They include Alliot Roe, for distinguished services to British aviation.

British Orders

Among other honours are the following:—Order of the Bath, Military Division, Knights Grand Cross—Admiral Sir Osmond de Brock, General Sir Walter Braithwaite, and General Sir John Shea, General Officer Commander-in-Chief Eastern Command, India.

Order of Star of India, Knight Grand Commander—Sir Leslie Wilson, late Governor of Bombay. Most Eminent Order of British Empire, Knight Grand Commander—His Highness Maharaja Sir Hari Singh.

Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross—Bridgadier-General Sir Samuel Wilson, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, and Sir George Clerk, Ambassador at Constantinople. Knight Commanders—Sir Ronald Storrs, Governor of Cyprus, Robert Crag, Minister at Bucharest, and Howard Kennard, Minister at Belgrade.

Order of British Empire, Knights Grand Cross—Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Gamble and Sir Henry Dobbs, High Commissioner of Iraq.

Dame Grand Cross—Mrs. Laura Knight, Associate Royal Academy and Professor Anne McIlroy, Professor of Obstetrics at Royal Free Hospital.

Companions of Honour—Lady Barrett Dean, of the London School of Medicine for Women, Miss Lilian Baylis, Lessee and Manager of the Old Vic Theatre, and Frederick Dellus, the blind composer.

G.C.M.G.

The Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George upon Sir Samuel Wilson.

C.B.E.

J. B. Affleck, Tainanfu, Li Yau-

ALLEGED TREATY

MINUTES OF FRANCO-BELGIAN CONFERENCE

PUBLICATION OF TEXT

Amsterdam, Yesterday. The "Utrechtse Dagblad" publishes the text of an alleged Franco-Belgian military conference held in Brussels from September 7 to 12, 1927. They are dated September 20, 1927, are signed by the French General Debeney and the Belgian General Galet; and conclude: "Seen and approved by the Ministry of National Defence, C. H. de Broqueville," and certified as agreed to by Colonel Michem—Reuter.

Amsterdam, later. The minutes are "interpretations" of the French and Belgian General Staffs mentioned on February 24.

The most significant feature is the assumption of the co-operation of British troops "permitting a diversion at Dutch Limburg." Colonel Michem (Belgian) proposes that a British contingent shall be "motorised" with numerous cavalry, to whom he assigns the task of the "necessary diversion north of Dutch Limburg."—Reuter.

PRICE OF PETROLEUM

RAISED BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN COMPANIES.

AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIANS

London, Yesterday. The British and American power petroleum companies will increase the price of petrol to-morrow by twopenny farthing per gallon.—Reuter.

Soviet Oil

Moscow, Yesterday. A three years' agreement is announced between the Anglo-American Oil Combine and Russian Oil Products, whereby the latter will be given an equal share in the British market with the other companies.

The agreement also provides for the supply of large quantities of Soviet kerosene, crude oil, and petrol to the companies entering the combine, which is led by the Royal Dutch Shell group.—Reuter.

CHINA AND L.O.N.

GENEVA SURPRISED AT NEWS FROM NANKING

WILL CHINA WITHDRAW?

Geneva, Yesterday. Surprise is expressed at the League Secretariat at the Nanking news that the Chinese Minister of railways has proposed China's withdrawal from the League of Nations, as indication of such intention on the part of the Chinese Government had been received at Geneva. It is pointed out that the tour in China of M. Avenol, Deputy Secretary of the League is proceeding normally.—Reuter.

ELECTION COSTS

SIXTEEN MILLIONS GONE WEST

Washington, Yesterday. Over \$16,000,000 was spent on the Presidential campaign, of which the Republicans spent \$9,000,000 and the Democrats \$7,000,000, according to the Senate Investigating Committee.

This sum does not include the expenditure of district, country and city organisations.—Reuter's American Service.

tsun, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong.

O.B.E.

Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, (Hong Kong), A. W. Burkill, Charles Harpur, A. R. J. Hearne (Shanghai), Percy Kent and Robert A. Williams (Tientsin).

M.R.E.

Mrs. D. M. Boulter, Hilda Byrne and Florence O'Neill, all for services in connection with military activities.

Manasseh Meyer of the Straits Settlements.

C.M.G.

B. C. Newton and Dr. A. T. Stanton, Chief Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office of the British Legation, Peking, and now stationed at Nanking.

A feature of the list is the number of women recipients.—Reuter and British Wireless Services.

THE 2ND BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS

AT SOUTHAMPTON

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE KING

REGIMENT'S COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

London, Yesterday. The Second Battalion Scots Guards from Shanghai, disembarked at Southampton to-day and were given a rousing reception.

The first message to greet them came from His Majesty the King, who is Commander-in-Chief of the regiment.

It was as follows:—"As your Colonel-in-Chief, I wish to be the first to welcome you home and to rejoice that you are once more with your families and friends."

The following reply was sent:—"Second Battalion Scots Guards respectfully thank their Colonel-in-Chief for his gracious message of welcome and rejoice at the prospect of His Majesty's early return to health.—British Wireless Service."

ABOUT THE RACES

Stan Hill has been to the races. One of his best cartoons will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail." Another, equally as good, will be published in the "Sunday Herald."

The "Mail" will be out to-morrow at mid-day as usual, with all the features of every Saturday and the news. Later special racing editions will be produced both for "street" sale and for subscribers.

REDS EXECUTED

LATEST ACTIVITIES AT WU-HAN

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Hankow, To-day. Activities against Communists have been started afresh in Wu-Han (the cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang).

Nine alleged reds were executed yesterday and a further execution is expected.

It is authoritative stated that General Ho Chien (who, under the auspices of the Kwangsi leaders at Wu-Han, ousted General Lu Tsiang) has arrived at Changsha to take up office as chairman of the Provincial Government of Hunan. This is taken to signify that the National Government at Nanking has approved the steps taken by Ho Chien and supporters to depose Lu Tsiang from the provincial governorship and, therefore, that the possibilities of trouble extending have been averted for the present.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S FINANCES

RENEWED CONCERN AS TO FALL OF THE YEN

LOAN FROM Y. S. B.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

According to an apparently reliable source, the Government is planning to dispose of negotiable bills in England and America for the purpose of increasing specie aboard.

The purpose is to prevent a further fall in the yen, but it is understood that the Government will, in no circumstances, export specie.

Later.

The Government denies the reports that it has decided to apply artificial means to prevent a further fall in the yen, but it is reliably learned that the Yokohama Specie Bank has agreed to lend money with the Bank of Japan's negotiable bonds in New York and London as security.—Reuter.

PROVINCIAL KUOMINTANG

Nanking, To-day.

The Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party has selected members of the provincial branches of the Nationalist Party in Kiangsu and Chekiang. Most of those thus nominated are conservatives.—Reuter.

A C.B.E. & O.B.E. FOR HONG KONG

NEW YEAR HONOURS

MR. LI YAU-TSUN & LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.

VOLUNTEERS' COMMANDANT

Two Hong Kong residents who have performed public service are included in the New Year Honours. A "Government Gazette" extraordinary to-day states:—

H. E. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments:—The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division).

To be an ordinary member of the Third Class or Commander:—Lt. Yau-tsun, Esq.

H. E. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments:—The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division).

To be an ordinary member of the Fourth Class or Officer:—Lieut. Col. Lennox Godfrey Bird, D.S.O.

Lt.-Col. Bird

Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and a principal of Messrs. Palmer & Turner, architects, etc., officiated at the last ball of the Society of S. George, Hong Kong, in January, as President.

From 1911 until the outbreak of the Great War he was in command of the Reserve Co. of the Hong Kong Volunteer Corps as it was known then. He was on active service during the greater part of 1914-1918 and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

When Mr. H. W. Bird, his elder brother, retired, Lt.-Col. Bird assumed charge of the local office of his firm but is temporarily absent in Shanghai.

Lt.-Col. Bird is President of the Hong Kong Hockey Club, is a director of the Shek O Development Co., Ltd., a Vice-President of the Philharmonic Society. He was appointed an unofficial Justice of the Peace in 1909.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun

Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., who is 68 years of age, has lived in the Colony 51 years and is best known to the foreign community as Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

In those 51 years Mr. Li has risen to be one of the leading Chinese merchants of the Colony. His interests are manifold. He has been actively associated with more than fifty business interests in his career!

At the moment, he is a principal of the Wing Fung Yuen firm of leather and produce merchants, the Kwong Nam Yuen leather factory of Cheung Chau (Dumbell Island) and another leather factory in Penang; is chairman of the Cheung Chau Electric Co., and superintend of the New Territories (South) Ferries Co.; he was a promoter of Chinese Estates, Ltd., (owners of Chinese buildings), of which he was chairman until he resigned last year; he is also a promoter of the South China Insurance Co., Ltd. and chairman for 20 years; and a promoter of the Mien Yuen Paper Manufacturing Co. of Canton and chairman for over 10 years.

Public Service

In his service to the Chinese community of Hong Kong and to the Colony in general, he became a director of the Tung Wah Hospital 39 years ago and has served 29 years as such; he has been a member of the (Government appointed) Tung Wah Hospital Advisory Board from its inception; he served four terms as a director of the Po Leung Kuk and is now the senior (other than ex-officio) member of the Permanent Board of Directors; he has been a member of the District Watchmen Committee since 1914; he is a founder of the Kwong Wah Hospital, Yau-mat; he is a member of the Chinese Public Dispensaries Committee and is connected with the work of four of these dispensaries; he is President of the South China Athletic Association; is chairman of a free school in Kowloon; was elected chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in 1925; and is associated with many other public and semi-public bodies.

Works of Charity

Fourteen years ago Mr. Li enhanced his reputation by painstaking and self-sacrificing work over a long period with a Hong Kong committee which dispensed relief in flood-devastated areas in the interior and he has been chosen to take part in many other missions of charity.

Mr. Li was a member of the com-

THE BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA

NEW ESTIMATE

PASSES COMMONS PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUSLY

INTERESTING STATEMENT

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, speaking on the Supplementary Estimate of £115,000 for the extra cost of troops in China, Mr. Duff Cooper said the health of the troops had considerably improved, though it had not been satisfactory in Shanghai, which was not an ideal place for troops. The Government had considerably reduced the troops there and it might be possible in future to reduce them still further. The situation had improved and the discipline had been admirable. There had been a remarkable absence of any regrettable incidents, and they had also got on well with the troops of other nations.

The estimate was agreed to practically without discussion, the vote being 143 to 60.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY

The weather report issued by Royal Observatory at 10.38 a.m. to-day stated:—

A fresh anticyclone has formed over N. China and a depression lies over N. E. Japan.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

JAPAN'S "REDS"

INFLUENCE OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL

STRONGER ACTION URGED

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Replying to a question by an Opposition member, who during a discussion of the Peace Preservation Act asserted that the Third International was behind Communist intrigues in Japan, the Premier stated that the Government had "more than once" drawn the Soviet's attention to the Third International's "pernicious" action. The Government considers itself justified in filing a protest "whether the Soviet Government has anything to do with that body or not."

An interpellator urged the Government to take more positive and effective action, "after the example of Britain and China," in view of the "flagrant breach of the Russo-Japanese treaty." The Premier however dismissed the subject by replying that the Government was prepared to take whatever steps it considered necessary.—Reuter.

COL. LINDBERGH

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT

New York, Yesterday.

It was later discovered that Colonel Lindbergh had dislocated his shoulder in the crash. It has been re-set, but he has been ordered to bed.

Col Lindbergh's accident was apparently due to the failure of the mechanics to replace the cotter pin in the axle of the right wheel, which consequently came off when Lindbergh took off. Lindbergh was aware of the danger and warned his fiancée (Miss Anne Morrow) and piled cushions about her. He then exhausted the petrol to prevent an explosion and landed very skillfully on one wheel, which however broke under the strain.

Mexican army officers, acting on orders from the War Office, destroyed the records of the accident made by swarms of newspaper photographers and cinema operators.—Reuter.

mittise for the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in 1923 and was one of the unofficial merchant delegation sent to Canton to negotiate with the Strike Committee during the crisis.

INDIAN FINANCE

FEATURES OF THE NEW BUDGET

MOTOR SPIRIT TAX UP

New Delhi, Yesterday.

The Budget has been introduced by Sir George Schuster. It shows a surplus of thirty lakhs this year but estimates a deficit of ninety lakhs next year, mainly due to a fortuitous factor, namely, the unequal distribution of the salt revenue between the last two Budgetary periods.

The only new taxation is an increase in motor spirit from four to six annas per gallon. The proceeds will be devoted to road development. Army expenditure remained unchanged.

Eighteen cross would be required for various purposes, but the Government would borrow as far as possible in India before raising a sterling loan.

Sir George Schuster condemned any idea of altering the value of the 1/6 rupee. He concluded by expressing the firm conviction that the financial position of India was fundamentally sound.—Reuter.

POTASH TRUST

BROKEN UP AFTER TWO YEARS

LITIGATION RESULT

New York, Yesterday.

After two years' litigation the Federal authorities have succeeded in breaking up the German Potash Trust.

The Federal Court has signed a decree enjoining the Deutsches Kali Syndikat and the Societe Commerciale des Potasses from combining in the United States to violate the Anti-Trust Laws.

Ninety per cent. of the 1,000,000 tons of potash used in the United States annually is imported from France and Germany.—Reuter's American Service.

AT BOGNOR

HIS MAJESTY'S PASSES ANOTHER QUIET DAY

RAY TREATMENT AGAIN

London, Yesterday.

It is officially stated at Bognor that the King passed a quiet day. The sun shone brilliantly during the afternoon and there was very little wind. Consequently, His Majesty was able to sit at an open window for some hours.

Dr. Woods travelled down to Craigwell House this afternoon and applied the luminous ray treatment to His Majesty.—British Wireless Service.

LABOUR DISPUTES

SEQUEL TO BOMB ATTACKS IN MELBOURNE

HEAVY SENTENCES

Melbourne, Yesterday.

The trial has concluded of the five men charged in connection with bombing the Greek Club in December during the troubles arising from the resentment of water-side workers at the employment of volunteer, and largely non-British, labour. Fifteen men were injured in the bombing.

Three of the prisoners, O'Connell, McIver and Delaney, were sentenced to fifteen years' hard labour each, while the other two were acquitted.—Reuter.

AN EXPLOSION

8 KILLED AND 15 INJURED

Atlanta, Georgia, Yesterday.

Eight are reported killed and 15 injured in an explosion of compressed air in a tank at Stone Mountain where the huge Confederate Civil War Memorial is being carved.—Reuter's American Service.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

VALET SAYS HE IS "SLEEPING PEACEFULLY"

Hollywood, Yesterday.

Charlie Chaplin is better. His Japanese valet told enquirers that "master is sleeping peacefully."—Reuter's American Service.

TRAMWAYS ALLEGE UNFAIRNESS

QUEEN'S-RD. BUSES

ARGUMENTS BY CHAIRMAN AND SHAREHOLDER

STATEMENT ON COMPETITION

References to the competition by motor-buses was made to-day at the annual meeting of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., which was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Mr. A. H. Ferguson, manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, who is a shareholder, said that "a distinct injustice appears to have been done to the company."

Mr. B. D. F. Beith (chairman) presided. He was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, LL.D., Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. J. E. Joseph (directors), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., M. Inst. T. (general manager) and Mr. W. F. Simmons, F.C.I.S. (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. T. Bagram, A. Nissim, C. Mancini, F. M. Ellis, O. F. Ribeiro, A. H. Ferguson, C. B. Riggs, L. S. Greenhill, J. M. Alves, P. C. Potts, F. H. Crampell, Chua Seng-choo, Joseph Gould, H. S. Hills, O. Mitchell, A. A. Alves, W. J. Stokes, Leung Wah-hing, S. H. Ross, Lo Kin-fai, A. Murdoch, E. Ezra, A. H. Rumjahn, Chan Hau-po, Kwok Si-loy, T. G. Weall. Record Receipts.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors. The chairman then presented his review, extracts from which are given hereafter:—

"Traffic receipts for the year again constitute a record. This is due to remarkably good traffic receipts during the first eight months of the year. The receipts for September were about equal to those of September, 1927. The receipts for the last quarter of the year, however, were less satisfactory than in the corresponding quarter of 1927."

There have been various influences that have contributed to the decline in the traffic receipts during the last three or four months of the year. I refer chiefly to:—

1. Fewer people in the Colony. The decline in the sale of our military tickets, alone is 160,000, i.e., a drop of 25 per cent. compared with 1927.
2. The Ming Yuen Gardens which used to attract a large number of people has been more or less closed throughout the year. Similarly the Lee Garden which brought us considerable revenue in 1927 and the early part of 1928 has been comparatively moribund during the last six months.
3. The enormous increase in the number of public hire cars at very low rates. It is a common sight—especially on football days—to see five or six people going to or returning from Happy Valley in a public motor car.
4. The loss of traffic consequent upon the closing of the two sugar refineries for a considerable period of the year.
5. Motor bus competition.

Should these adverse factors continue shareholders will realize that the tramway receipts in respect of the present year will be less than during the year under review.

Company's Application

"On October 15 last year a motor bus service was commenced by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., between Causeway Bay and Whitty-street via Queen's-road. This was subsequently extended at either end to Tai Hang village and Kennedy Town respectively. As shareholders are aware, this route—due to the topography and general configuration of our island Colony—has the advantage of being the natural East to West artery and is a shorter and straighter thoroughfare than that followed by the tram track. The length of route over which this tram and bus competition extends is about 4½ miles and it is therefore not surprising that our first-class receipts have declined during the last few months."

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TENYO MARU	Wednesday, 3rd April.
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FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 9th March.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 23rd March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 27th March.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 24th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
AKITA MARU	Tuesday, 5th March.
CEYLON MARU	Monday, 11th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Saturday, 9th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
KAWACHI MARU	Monday, 4th March.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	
KAKO MARU	Tuesday, 5th March.
TAKETOYO MARU	Tuesday, 10th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	
LYONS MARU	Sunday, 17th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
PENANG MARU	Saturday, 2nd March.
MURORAN MARU	Friday, 8th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
HARUNA MARU	Monday, 4th March.
AWA MARU	Thursday, 7th March.
TOKUSHIMA MARU (omit S'hai)	Wednesday, 13th March.
KITANO MARU	Tuesday, 19th March.

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AMAZON MARU	Sunday, 10th March.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 19th March.
BOMBAH—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHINNOH MARU	Wednesday, 6th March.
(Calls at Penang and Karachi).	
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BATAVIA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHABASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
PANAMA MARU	Thursday, 28th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
GANGES MARU	Monday, 4th March.
CELEBES MARU	Monday, 18th March.
(Calls at Belawan Deli).	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
MADRAS MARU (omits Manila)	Friday, 8th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAYE MARU	Monday, 4th March.
JAPAN PORTS.	
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 3rd March Noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 10th March Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DEY MARU	Thursday, 7th March 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG	

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SHIPPING SECTION.

RUSSIAN SHIP

AGROUND AT ONE FATHOM BANK

News reached Singapore on February 20 that the Soviet Government ship "Tobolsk" went aground on the One Fathom Bank, off the entrance to Port Swettenham, on February 18. So far attempts to refloat her have failed, but arrangements have been made by the agents, Adamson, Gillman and Co., to have part of the cargo transferred into lighters and it is expected that this measure will prove successful. It is not thought that any serious damage has been done. The "Tobolsk" is a freighter of 1,500 tons net, and her last port of call was Colombo.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" from Hong Kong on Feb. 13, left Yokohama on Thursday, and is due at Vancouver to-morrow.

The Dollar Liner "President Taft" sailed from Shanghai on Wednesday at 3 p.m., and arrived here about 9 p.m. to-day. This steamer will sail at 6 p.m. to-morrow for Manila.

The American Mail Liner "President Jackson" is scheduled to leave Manila at 4 p.m. to-morrow, arriving at this port at 7 a.m. on Monday. She will sail on Tuesday at 5.30 a.m. for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan.

The Dollar Round-the-World Liner "President Garfield" is due to arrive in Kobe to-day, sailing to-morrow for Hong Kong on Sunday at 8 a.m. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Mar. 8.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., arrived at Manila on Feb. 24 at 8 a.m., leaves Manila to-day, and is due at Hong Kong on Sunday at 8 a.m. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Mar. 8.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Wednesday at 5 p.m., left Yokohama yesterday at 11 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Thursday, March 7, at 5 p.m., and sails for Manila on Friday, March 8, at 5 p.m.

The American Mail Liner "President McKinley" which sailed from San Francisco on February 15, is due to arrive at this port on March 11.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on February 16, and is due here on March 7. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on March 8.

The Dollar Round-the-World Liner "President Johnson" sailed from San Francisco on February 22, and is due to arrive at this port at 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 23.

The M.V. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on Feb. 5, and is due here on or about March 25.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Guilford" from New York via Suez, March 2.

S.S. "Roderick" from New York via Panama, March 2.

S.S. "City of Delhi" from Europe, March 17.

S.S. "City of Khios" from New York via Suez, March 25.

Sailings from Hong Kong

S.S. "Roderick" for Shanghai and Japan, March 3.

S.S. "City of Delhi" for Shanghai and Japan, March 13.

S.S. "City of Guilford" for New York, Boston and Baltimore, March 20.

S.S. "City of Khios" for Manila and Iloilo, March 26.

The M.V. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on Feb. 2, and is due here on or about March 14.

IN 1869

APOTHECARY COULD NOT SAVE HIMSELF

It is sometimes the fashion to stress the shortcomings of those members of the medical profession who go down to the sea in ships to tend sick passengers upon the dark waters. Yet none but the brave (foolish) will elect to embark upon a long voyage in a vessel which does not number a Doctor among the ship's officers. This in our present year of grace 1929.

Consider the circumstances of travel by sea, exactly sixty years ago, in the light of the passing of Apothecary F. G. Sade of the Straits Settlements Medical Service. This story of his death is faithfully recorded in the Official Log of the British Barque "Pater Warwick" on a voyage from Bangkok to Singapore in August 1869.

Apothecary Sade (the Master writes) "joined the ship on June 17, as a passenger for the purpose of going the voyage" (Singapore to Bangkok and return) "for his health he being at the time weak and suffering from Dysentery and Piles. A few days after leaving Singapore he began to improve, the Dysentery left him but the Piles troubled him occasionally. In Bangkok his health was certainly better, and he was able to go on his rounds. On Monday, August 2, the story proceeds "Mr. Sade ate a heavy dinner and at 7 p.m. went into the cabin and I believe went to sleep. At 10 p.m. on going below to his cabin he found his heart which was done. He then told me he did not feel very well. I believe he slept soundly through the night."

On the following day "Mr. Sade told me he felt very ill and was not well enough to come on Deck to his work. I then sent a Malay down to attend upon him. He had arrowroot two or three times a day and what he drank was tea. Mr. Sade asked me to put a mustard plaster on him, which I did, he wished it to be placed over his heart which was done. He then said he wished to give him 10 drops of Saurdan in a tablespoon of Brandy which he drank and said he felt a little better. On going into the cabin a short time afterwards he asked me if I had any plasters, and as he said he did, he should not like to be thrown overboard in canvas. I told him I did not think he would require anything of the sort."

Captain Anxious

By this time the Master was getting anxious and from his story we can gather the impression that he did not spare himself in his endeavours to nurse the patient back to health. At 2 a.m. on the Wednesday "Mr. Sade still very sick appeared to breathe very hard and was seen frequently feeling his pulse. At his own request I gave him 30 drops of Henbane and 30 drops of Chloric Ether; he then told me that it was Asthma he had and that his father and mother had been troubled with it at his age. He had been told that he was constantly purged and became very weak. Between the hours of twelve and two I think he asked me for 30 drops of Henbane and 30 drops of Chloric Ether which I gave him; he also had Brandy 2 or 3 times during the day. Towards evening he complained of a pain in his heart and seemed at times to be very short of breath. I put another mustard plaster over his heart at his own request. At 11 p.m. the 2nd Officer hearing his bell ring went down to him; he asked me to give him a little Brandy, the fire was also lighted and congee made for him at his own request to drink."

A 3.30 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, "the Chief Officer hearing his bell ring went down to him; he asked me to give him a little Brandy, the fire was also lighted and congee made for him at his own request to drink."

"The Chief Officer hearing his bell ring went down to him; he asked me to give him a little Brandy, the fire was also lighted and congee made for him at his own request to drink."

At 5.55 a.m. Mr. Sade wanted me. I immediately went to him and to my astonishment I found him quite speechless and apparently insensible. I at once sent for the Chief and 2nd Officers and told them it was my impression that he was in a fit as he had told me previously that he had had fits before; we at once applied cold water to his face and hands without any effect. I felt his pulse and found it very feeble. I at once tried to restore him by applying bottles of hot water to the soles of his feet, legs and body without any signs of returning animation. Mr. G. Sade breathed his last at about 6.30 a.m. without a struggle. In Latitude 6°22 deg. N. and Longitude 102°24 deg. E. The body of Mr. Sade after being washed and dressed was put into a coffin and placed on the main hatch for burial on the following day.

The Master's account concludes with this entry on Friday, August 6. "Mustered the crew in clean clothes the Main Yard thrown to the mast when the Service for the dead was performed by the Chief Officer, he being a Catholic and of the same Creed as the deceased, who was buried in Latitude 4°54 deg. N. Longitude 109°28 deg. E."

—S.G.H. in "Singapore Free Press."

THE YANGTZE

THE CAPRICES OF "CHINA'S SORROW"

At the Foreign Y.M.C.A., Shanghai, on February 19, Col. G. G. Stroebe, Chief Survey Engineer of the Yangtze Conservancy Commission, lectured upon "Some facts about the world's second largest river." Through the courtesy of Mr. W. J. Hawkins, the speaker was able to present to his listeners some remarkable stereoscopic slides of scenes along the upper Yangtze.

In opening his address, Col. Stroebe said that river conservancy is an attempt at making rivers serve mankind 100 per cent. of their capabilities the year round. Rivers, like people, were not good the year through; they sometimes go on a rampage, sometimes are too inactive, and on some days are forced to do nothing. River conservancy embraced four general divisions, namely: river regulation, flood prevention, irrigation and power development. More than 40,000,000 h.p., the speaker added, went to waste annually in the upper reaches of the river, primarily as compared with the total primary horse power developed at present in the United States, showed several million more latent horse power in this river, then was being utilized in America, although he by means in-ferred that the total amount could be converted into industrial uses.

A few years ago the Miami River nearly wiped out Dayton, Ohio. Gigantic dams now hold back the turbulent waters, so that inhabitants of that city can say to the Miami River, "Never again." Irrigation has removed the spectre of famine from dwellers in the Ganges valley.

A River of Extremes
In China the Yangtze basin is the home of half of China's population. From the standpoint of the amount of water carried annually the Yangtze ranked second only to the Amazon. At Hankow, for instance, the amount of silt carried was as 500 is to 1,000,000 parts by weight, i.e., every second during flood 20 tons of silt are carried past Hankow every second per day. In other words the annual silt carriage is sufficient to bury both Shanghai settlements to a depth of 26 ft. in one year.

Rarely does a river present maximum or minimum extremes. The business of the Yangtze Conservancy Commission was to study the Yangtze in all its varying moods, like a doctor, as it were, to diagnose the diseases from which the river is suffering. The American Government requires a 10 years' study of a river before Congress will appropriate funds for the betterment of its conditions. The Commission now has prepared a large amount of data for official use.

As an example between Wousung and Hankow, a distance of 600 miles, there are about only 23 miles navigable at the lowest water for vessels of 12 ft. draught. There are 10 places of difficulty, caused by rapids. As the river channel is broadened by the presence of sand, its velocity is retarded and silt is deposited. One method recommended from other projects is to build a submerged dam above the island, closing one channel. The waters are then precipitated through the other channel at high speed. At Hankow the minimum flow is 5,000 cubic metres per second, the maximum being 60,000 cubic metres per second. Nature pumps water to the clouds from the sea. Were man to jump the flow of the Yangtze from the Yellow Sea to Kiang, it would require 1,500,000,000 h.p., or an hourly consumption of coal of 1,500,000 tons, enough to bankrupt the nations of the world.

An Inland Sea at One Time
After speaking at some length of the technical measurements which this commission and other organizations have made on the river regarding relative levels, Col. Stroebe introduced a number of maps, one, a prehistoric map of China, being of great interest. According to the belief of some geologists, the whole theory not having been proved by digging, an inland sea extended over the present city of Kiangling. Shantung was an island, with Dairen and Chefoo as points above the water. Nan-king and Peking were not submerged, although Shanghai and Tientsin introduced evidence of the finding of pre-historic oyster shells after digging more than 90 ft. in Tientsin, and pointed out that in artesian wells in

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EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 12
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 21
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
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Taiwan Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
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mal width. The results of such research were but an indication of the problem which confronted government engineers in the manifold project of diverting the Yangtze to useful purposes.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1929, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsoi, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental.
1.	At Tai Kok Tsoi, in the Colony of Hong Kong.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	90,000	018

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental.
1.	At Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	9,100	018

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, the 2nd March, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

20 Cases Aluminium Powder
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A Quantity of MISCELLANEOUS GOODS and (for account of the concerned).

1 Bale Wool Yarn (more or less damaged).
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Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1929.

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A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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NOTICES.**REMINDER.****HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

CLUBS interested in Lawn Tennis are reminded of the Annual Meeting which takes place on FRIDAY, 1st March, 1929, at 6 p.m. in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Pavilion.

D. S. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1929.

**HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.**

THE INSTITUTE will RE-OPEN on FRIDAY, March 1. Students joining Classes held at Queen's College and King's College will be enrolled at the Education Department only; those joining Classes held at the Central British School, Kowloon, will be enrolled at that School.

Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.
Hong Kong, February 27, 1929.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION**IN FOUR LOTS****on****TUESDAY,**

the 12th day of March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m., at their Auction Rooms, No. 4, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hong Kong.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES:

Lot No. 1.—The property known as Nos. 99D, 99E and 99F WELLINGTON STREET comprises three newly erected four storeyed Chinese shops and dwellings with basements situated in the centre of the city on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section C and the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 164 having an area of 2652 square feet or thereabouts. The property is situated on the North side of Wellington Street and is bounded on the East by Peel Street and on the West by a private lane.

Lot No. 2.—The property known as No. 180 WELLINGTON STREET is an excellent class three storeyed Chinese shop and dwelling house with iron balconies in front situated in the centre of the city on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section 12 of Inland Lot No. 8 having an area of 723 square feet or thereabouts. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$12.00.

Lot No. 3.—The property known as No. 360, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL and No. 47, LOWER LASCAR ROW are excellent class three storeyed Chinese shop and dwellings. No. 360 Queen's Road Central has an attic storey on the roof and No. 47 Lower Lascar Row a basement. The property is situated on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Subsection 1 of Section E of Inland Lot No. 211 having an area of 1273 square feet or thereabouts. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$21.81.

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25th, 26th, 27th February & 2nd March, 1929.

THE FIRST RACE on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first ball will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 23rd February, 1929, at a cost of \$10.—each per day or \$30.—for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4.—per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3.—per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.—per day.

Bookmakers, "Tie Tac men, etc." will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1929.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1929 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.**

Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, 4th March, 1929.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1929.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO. LTD., OF DENMARK.**

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1929.

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Platford, from Colombo.

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S. LACK,
Superintendent.

NOTICES.**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.****THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1928, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling, is payable on and after 25th February, 1929, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.**

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. O. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 23rd Feb., 1929.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG**Probate Jurisdiction**

In the goods of Edward Clark Rock, late of Jockey Club Stables Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong gentleman deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by Virtue of Section 68 of the Probate Ordinance 1897, made an order limiting the time for Creditors to send in their Claims against the Estate to the 14th day of March, 1929.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of February, 1929.

TS' O & HODGSON,
Solicitors for the Attorney of the Administratrix,
No. 12 Pedder Street, Victoria,
Hong Kong.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.****THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1929, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 26th February, 1929 to THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1929, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNEL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th February, 1929.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

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THE VOLUNTEERS.**CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR THIS WEEK****NEW APPOINTMENTS**

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Company Sergeant-Major Alec Hutton Potts to be Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from February 22, 1929, vide C.S.O. No. 265/1929.

No. 8, R.S.M. W. E. Edmonds is appointed Acting Corps Sergeant-Major as from March 2, 1929, vice Corps Sergeant-Major H. Westlake on leave.

Corps orders for the week issued to-day read as follows:—

Efficiency

All Officers Commanding Units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1928-29.

Corps Rifle Meeting

Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on March 31 and April 1, 1929 (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday).

Further details will be issued later.

Arms

Rifles and bayonets are to be kept at either Corps or Platoon Headquarters, all those who have not returned their rifles and bayonets will do so at once.

Musketry

The Scottish Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 3, 1929.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order, i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or mufli optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 1 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 2, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Band

The Band will parade for Band Practice in the Lecture Room at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5. Those who require Musketry Instruction will parade again on Friday, March 8 at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters.

Dress for both parades mufli.

Engineer Co.

The Company will take part in an Examination Service on March 7 together with H. M. Regular Forces. All ranks please keep this evening vacant. Full details will be issued later.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Thursday, March 7. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Tests. Dress: Mufli.

Armoured Car Co.

Motor Cycle Section. The Peak Range has been allotted to Motor Cycle Section on Sunday, March 17 for firing practice, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to attend. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine.

Machine Gun Co.

The Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, in mufli as hereunder for subsection Training. Those detailed from No. 3 Section will parade at 5.15 p.m. and

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SANTHA	7,754	15th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
NALDERA	16,088	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARIALA	9,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
LAHORE	5,282	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
TAKIWA	7,935	1st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
MANTUA	6,000	29th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	10,940	9th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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Serving for Britain

The "Chilean Fleet" consists almost entirely of British-built ships. The only battleship, the "Almirante Latorre," was completing in England when war broke out. She was absorbed into the British Navy, served in the "Grand Fleet" under the name of Canada, and fought at Jutland. In 1919 she was handed back to the Chilean Navy, and is still one of the most powerful warships in the world. In 1914 four destroyers which were building in England for Chile were taken into the British Fleet. One, the "Tipperary," was sunk at Jutland, and the other three, the "Bocha," "Faulkner," and "Broke," did yeoman service in the North Sea. All three are now serving in the Chilean Fleet, as are six H. Class submarines which were handed to Chile after the war in part payment.

The old ships were nearly all built on the Tyne, and when it became necessary for Chile to replace her old ships, she turned once more to Great Britain. Six destroyers are now completing at Southampton, three submarines at Barrow, two Fleet Auxiliaries on the Tyne, and the "Almirante Latorre" is about to refit in Devonport Dockyard.

British yards have obtained this work in the face of keen competition from other countries, and it is thanks to the Chilean Government not allowing financial considerations to outweigh their traditional policy of "buying British," where warships are concerned, that the ships are being built at a time when work in the shipyards is more than welcome.

Since the days of Cochrane the personnel of the Chilean Navy has been modelled upon British discipline and traditions. Many Chilean officers have been trained in our Naval School and many have served in the Fleet. They have always been welcomed and have always won respect from their British brother officers. In the past several British Missions have guided the development of the Chilean Navy, and one is now serving at Valparaiso. A Chilean Naval Mission is now in England under the command of Admiral Costa Pelle, and he and his officers have made an impression upon all with whom they have had to deal by their technical knowledge and their evident professional ability. With her long coast line Chile has a large seafaring population, and it is natural that with more than a century of high tradition behind her she should produce naval officers of the highest type. Her Navy is a small one, but it is first-class, and it may yet be destined to play an important part in world politics in the Pacific Ocean.

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HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tide, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dohereck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

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March 1 to 7, 1929.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
March	Standard Time	Standard Time
Fri. 1	0.55	5.1
Sat. 2	0.54	5.3
Sun. 3	0.53	5.4
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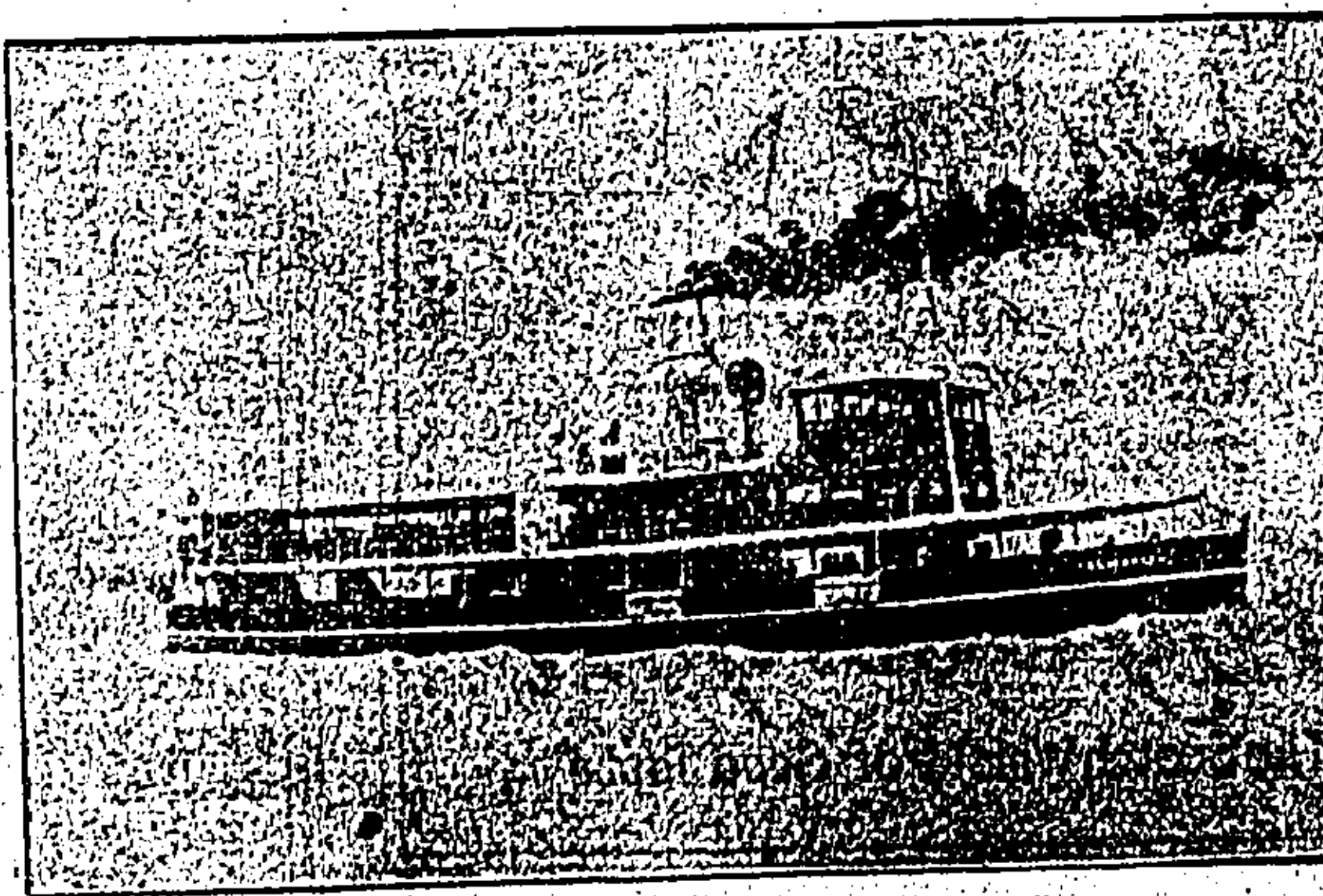
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WOMEN'S MUTUAL AID

Impressive, if not enlightening, was the sight in a Jockey Club stand this week, during the races, of Chinese ladies, some who are concubines and a few who are girls in their teens, charmingly serving tea in the approved Occidental manner, or handing out champagne to celebrate a victory in the family. One's thoughts immediately turned to the growing number of really smart and graceful Chinese ladies who take a permanent place in the Sport of Kings; and then the mind flitted back to a few years ago when amahs and others overran the members' enclosure, abusing the open invitation to their sex and thereby causing the Stewards to demand tickets, paid or by courtesy, even for the public enclosure; further back still the memory went - to the last decade - up to the Race Course disaster of 1918 to be precise, when a matched booth was specially set aside for Chinese ladies; and finally to the period before that when the real Chinese ladies of the day, because of their bound feet, had to be carried about on the backs of female attendants when they chose to venture out for a day to see the races and the many typically old-time side-shows of annual fairs in interior cities. Truly, the emancipation, advancement, westernisation, improvement - call it what you will - of the Chinese woman, we feel tempted to say.

The picture we have tried to describe is but one phase of the change in the social position of woman in China. That she was, in the eyes of the white race at

least, an inferior to man, has been accepted for centuries. The Chinese woman, herself, has been content with her lot for thousands of years. Which is by the way. But, when one's attention is again drawn to the subject, one also thinks of the *mui tai*, for whom the legislature has defined her status and about whom much that is fantastic is still being said here and at Home. On the other hand, the Chinese ladies and girls who dance daily (or nightly), mostly near perfection, in public ballrooms, hardly provide food for thought now because they are known to be a type unto themselves and not representative of any particular class. Then there is an intellectual group in Peking, one of whom has delighted of late to argue in print against an allegation that it is undesirable that Chinese married women should use or retain their maiden names. It strikes us that intellect can be applied to more useful purpose. Whereby we come now to the Shanghai Women's Mutual Aid Society.

The "North China Daily News," from which an extract was published in yesterday's "China Mail," did not say specifically that this organisation is strictly Chinese, but the circumstances and the phrase "a women's mutual aid society is a new thing in China" lead us to assume that it is. A foki in a clothes shop had married a woman who, immediately after the ritual, proved to be an expectant mother. The report goes that she handed over a few thousand dollars, in trust, to her husband, while she was to go away for a while. By fraud (so we infer) the man induced the woman to consent to divorce. When the woman's subsequent dire straits were made known through the Shanghai vernacular Press, the new Society sent a delegate to investigate. If anything similar happens in Hong Kong, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs does his best. He often invokes the assistance of the Po Leung Kuk. This is the only public institution with an official status in the Colony, solely devoted to the interests of unfortunate women and children. It has, worked well hitherto. But the time is past when a body of "non-official" directors (whose bona fides, we emphasise, cannot be questioned), under a degree of supervision and guidance by an "official" department, can function arbitrarily or sit in judgment on womenfolk. We commend to the enlightened Chinese lady residents of the Colony a careful study of the Po Leung Kuk as a factor in social progress.

The Liquor Bill, of which Lord Balfour of Burleigh moved the second reading, was further discussed. Lord Dawson of Penn said that there is something in human nature that refuses to be coerced into action. Legislation has done far less than education to promote temperance.

There is nothing in our social life in the last fifteen years more outstanding than the rapid and progressive improvement in the temperance of the people. The forces that have made for temperance are the growth of knowledge and education. It is by freedom and education that temperance is growing year by year, and it will reach its goal much faster than by restrictive proposals. — "Morning Post." (London).

Sir Peter Grain, of Shanghai, is a passenger for Home by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia," which arrived here to-day.

To-day's temperature at 10.33 a.m. was 63 degrees as against 61 degrees yesterday. The humidity rose from 87 degrees yesterday to 93 degrees to-day.

A chair coolie reported to the Police yesterday that whilst he was waiting outside No. 305, The Peak, he was bitten in the leg by a terrier which dashed out of the house.

A Chinese electrician employed at the Kowloon Dock was yesterday removed to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from bruises to his face and neck caused by the accidental blowing out of an electric switch in the electrical workshop.

The draw for the motor cycle raffle organised by St. Peter's Young Men's Club took place on Tuesday evening. The winning number was 602, held by Mr. Yik Tan of the Hong Kong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd.

Volunteer orders, published elsewhere in this issue announce the appointment of C.S.M. Alec Hutton Potts to be 2nd Lieutenant. R.M.S. W. E. Edmonds is appointed Acting Corps Sergeant Major from March 2, vice Corps Sergeant Major H. Westlake, who is on leave.

New commanders for some of the warships on the station arrived yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa," namely, Capt. G. Arbuthnot, Capt. R. Ashby, Capt. S. Bates, Lieut. Commr. and Mrs. Bamford, Pay. Lieut. Commr. McBean and Crossley.

A well dressed Chinese was arrested by an employee at the Wing On Company on a charge of stealing two pairs of socks valued at 75 cents each. It was alleged that the man was seen to pick up the two pairs of socks and stuff them up his sleeve. He was stopped as he was leaving the premises.

With reference to the S.P.C.A. masked ball on March 8 it is found that, to permit of the full effect of the mask, some people would prefer to dine at home and go to the dance afterward. The prices have accordingly been amended to \$7.50 for dinner and dance and \$5 for floor tickets, including dancing and supper.

The late Fung Yuk-sham, alias Fung Lam-au, alias Stephen Fung, a clerk employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company left estate valued at \$9,500. Probate has been granted to Mr. C. F. Yuen (Yuen Chan-fai), No. 30, Leighton Hill-road (a friend) and Mr. John Fung, 56, Bonham-road (a nephew), his executors.

Members of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong who have not yet received notification, about the 1929 annual dinner, or any gentleman wishing to join the Society, are asked to communicate with one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mr. N. L. Smith, Postmaster-General (Oxford) or Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Police Magistrate (Cambridge).

A committee of twenty-five leading Chinese residents of the Colony was appointed at a meeting in the Chinese Merchants Club yesterday for the reception of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and the Garter Mission to Japan. The distinguished visitors will be entertained at a Chinese dinner and reception and a piece of Chinese embroidery will be presented to the Duke.

Yu Chiu (40), a workman employed by Sang Lee, contractor, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his head received through accidentally falling down the stone steps at the entrance of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern's home, No. 408, The Peak. The man, who was rendered unconscious, was attended by a lady doctor visiting the hospital at the time.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., will distribute the prizes of the Central British School on Thursday next in the St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Ten cases of small-pox were reported on Wednesday, also one case of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

There will be no Peak trams to-night (Friday) after the 12.05, nor on Sunday night after same hour. A new cable is being fitted, necessitating an early suspension of the service on the nights mentioned.

After an absence of 15 years, Mr. Percy Squire, permanent director of Messrs. John Kidd & Co., Ltd., London, is visiting the Colony. Mr. Squire, who is also President of the Society of British Printing Ink Makers, has been to Canton during the past few days.

Estate to the value of \$46,900 was left by Mo Chun, otherwise Mo A-chun, widow, who died intestate at No. 24, Elgin-street, first floor, on April 4, 1927. Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. Horace Lo, the guardian of testator's daughter, Rose Perry, at present a minor.

To-morrow evening, Lane Crawford's are giving another of their popular orchestral concerts during dinner time, the symphony orchestra of 16 performers of H.M.S. "Suffolk" having been engaged. This will accompany H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to Japan during April, a fact that should assure the patrons of Lane Crawford's Restaurant that they will receive a musical treat. A carefully prepared programme has been arranged, including classical music, overtures, operas, and lighter music. It is hoped to hold these dinner concerts at least two or three times a week during March.

MR. H. P. WHITE

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF MOURNERS AT FUNERAL

H.E. THE GOVERNOR PRESENT

A large gathering which was both distinguished and representative of the various communities of Hong Kong attended the funeral of Mr. Henry Percy White at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

The deceased's brother, Mr. A. H. White, was chief mourner. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., K.C., the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen-Hughes, the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, the Hon. Mr. J. F. Braga, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Mr. W. G. Pirie, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Chan Tin-sion, Mr. P. C. Potts, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Capt. R. H. Douglas, Dr. Aubrey, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Col. T. A. Robertson, Lieut.-Col. Comyn, Mr. A. H. Abbas, Mr. Chan Wing-kue (compradore of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik and Co.), Mr. D. H. Cameron, Mr. F. Sutton, Mr. Eldon Potter, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, Mr. E. B. Reed, Dr. Donelan, Mr. H. Birkett, Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. H. A. Rodgers, Mr. W. L. Patenden, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. V. M. Haimovitch, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. F. S. Harrison, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. T. G. Weall, and Mr. Ho Kwong.

There was also a large number of Military Officers present. Wreaths The large number of floral tributes included those from His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, Sir Newton and Lady Pollock, Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, and Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., and the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. There were also a number of other wreaths, including those from Mr. A. H. White, Yvonne, and Mr. H. P. White's house servants.

The following firms also sent wreaths: Messrs. the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Benjamin and Potts, Hughes and Houghton, Lowe, Bingham, and Matthews, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Moxon and Taylor, China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Bank Line, Ltd., Williamson and Co., Shawan Tomes and Co., the Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Gibb Livingston and Co., Linstead and

Davies, Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., Canton Insurance Office Limited, Jardine, Matheson and Co., Indo-China S. N. Co., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., Deacons, T. E. Griffith, Ltd., Leigh and Orange, Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited, Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Bradley and Co., Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Wreaths were also sent from Headquarters Staff, China Command; Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong, China Coast Officers' Guild, Marine Engineers' Guild of China, China Homeward Freight Conference, Government Marine Surveyor's Office, Hong Kong A.D.C., Committee and members of the Hong Kong Club, Wayfoong Mess, the Sports Club, Committee and members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Committee and members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and the "Visiting Jockeys."

Other wreaths included those from the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Messrs. Douglas Lapraik and Co., Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., Captains and Officers of the "Haiching," the "Haining," the "Hailing," and the steward department of the "Haiching;" Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hynes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Le Marchand, Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Todd, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen-Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagram, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farmer, and also from Messrs. C. C. Sandes, Harold Seth, Ho Kom-tong, H. C. Shrubsole, D. W. Tratman, E. H. Ray, Geo. K. Hall Brutton, G. E. Towns, W. L. Patten, H. E. Phelps, J. P. Braga, C. A. Peel, A. L. Shields, F. B. Deacon, Allan Gordon, T. G. Weall, A. H. Abbas, J. Scott Harston, J. E. Joseph, E. L. Hosie, J. H. Taggart, Captain A. J. L. Whyte, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Dr. Pierce Grove, Aubrey and Macgown, and a great number of others.

MR. R. H. SHORT

Funeral at Happy Valley

The remains of Mr. R. H. Short of the local office of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., whose death was reported yesterday, were buried at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

There was a large attendance of friends and colleagues. The chief mourners were the deceased's wife, daughter and a son.

The burial service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Those present included Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager of the C.P.R., Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Capt. A. W. Davison, Mr. E. Stone, Mr. C. Thwaites, and the entire staff of the C.P.R. as well as Messrs. Nicholas Tse Chin, representing the firm of Tak Kee and Co., L. Gomes (Wm. C. Jack and Co.), Leung Yuen-wo, Chairman of the Associated Union of Chinese seamen, Mr. A. Guterres, and Mr. W. C. Innes.

There were many floral tributes.

MYSTERY CHARGE

SOLICITOR MAKES AN EMPHATIC PROTEST

When a Chinese, described as a hawker, appeared before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy this morning, Sub-Inspector Field applied for leave to withdraw the charge, the nature of which was not disclosed.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, who appeared for the defence, entered a protest against his client's arrest. He said that the man was in a "very substantial firm" (the Hung Hing Co., of Queen's-road), and one could not help wondering what was the motive for his being taken from behind the counter.

"Now," said the teacher, "what bright little boy can tell me five things that contain milk?" "I can," shrieked a frizzle-faced boy, "Butter and cheese and an ice cream and two cows."

"I was saying some good things about you to a man this morning." "Thanks." "What did you tell him?" "I said you had a big house, garden, and plot of land, and one of the best in the district." "Who did you say I was?" "The tax assessor."

K.R.A. AFFAIRS

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
CONGRATULATED

"PARISH PUMP" AFFAIRS

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held yesterday in St Andrew's Church Hall. Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., (President) was in the chair, supported by Mr. B. Wong Tape (Vice-President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., (Hon. Secretary).

Addressing the meeting Mr. Cock said:—In the past twelve months the Committee has worked along the lines of its predecessors and we have endeavoured by constitutional methods to bring to the notice of controlling powers any matters which we think require redress or any suggestions which can be made for improvement.

Speaking generally no action is taken by any individual member without the approval of the Committee. Now, once a policy has been decided upon and approval given of action it would appear to be plain sailing, but a perusal of the correspondence regarding the cutting down of the trees in Nathan-road will show that it is at times very difficult to direct our enquiries straight to the concerned department since we may not be aware to which department we should write and, as in the case quoted, we arrive too late.

Fruitless Correspondence

Since 1924 we have made little progress in the matter of improving the Star Ferry approach and, from our experience regarding the trees, we were afraid that if we pursued the ordinary channels we might become involved in a fruitless correspondence with the Public Works Department and so we asked if we could be given particulars of the proposed layout before we went on to matters connected with it. The Director of Public Works kindly gave the Sub-Committee an interview and showed us Scheme K—Presumably the eleventh. This is an excellent, though rather expensive layout and we were at a loss to know why it included the cutting away of a considerable amount of ground on the north side of Salisbury-road when, on the face of it, it would be easier and cheaper to work on the south side. It came out that the land on the south side was under the control and more or less at the disposal of the Railway. So the Railway authorities can say, apparently, without any regard to public requirements or desires that a hoarding may be put up and a garage erected, and otherwise their land is inviolate.

Land Control

Now, if this is so it is wrong. It is wrong because it causes unnecessary expense and it is wrong because it stops development along the obviously proper lines. The case is made worse when one considers that many more people use the Star Ferry approach than they use the Railway. The fact obtrudes itself that the Railway stands in the way of the best development of Kowloon. It appropriates quite one half of the waterfront of the toe of the Peninsula, it has over one and a half million square feet of valuable land lying idle, it practically prohibits access to the most southerly side and it has piers about three times as extensive as the public piers and which are scarcely used at all. I can only touch lightly on the question in the time at my disposal. I have been told that the Railway is where it is because some day it may be possible to get into the train at Kowloon and get off at Paris. This will be good if it doesn't come too late. If it does come will it matter very much to the traveller whether he embarks at Kowloon Point or Hung Hom? Meantime, China is developing roads and making more and more use of motor transport.

Via Kowloon Point

What a magnificent motor vehicle terminus, the existing Railway Station would make, and what an excellent solution to the traffic problem we are considering, with a future far exceeding anything that the Railway ever had. This in connection with land travel. What of the air? Where will one land in an air liner—and how proceed to the city?

Surely via Kowloon Point. Is it a bold prophecy that we shall be travelling to Paris by air long before we can do so by railway? Let us try to imagine the traffic some years hence. There will undoubtedly be railway traffic, motor car and air. The first needs a track, the motor vehicle a track of a cheaper nature and one which can be deviated easily while the air track will be governed by weather conditions.

Different Conditions

It is likely that air will be the cheapest, it already is the quickest travel for passengers and light vehicles. It is likely that the motor car, which has such a

hold on the imagination, will hold its own for short trips and for feeding air routes and the railways will be left with the heavy long distance transport. The layout of a railway and location of the termini is governed now by a different set of conditions from those which obtained thirty years ago. Up to thirty-three years ago the motor car was limited to a walking pace and led by a man with a red flag; thirty years ago no man had down in a heavier than air machine and scientists could almost prove by analogy and otherwise that large aeroplanes, like the ostrich, would never fly. So the judgments of thirty years ago, pinning their faith on railways, were right in their time. But their time has passed, and the sooner we see this and act upon it the better for us.

Congratulations

I have strayed quite considerably from the "parish pump." I read in some of the newspapers that the K.R.A. are not representative. This is no new thought. It has been given me both publicly and privately during my year of office. We are, we have always been, just a body of men each with our small stake in the Colony collected together of all nationalities living in Kowloon to forward what we think is for the public good and I venture to say that even if we only represent ourselves we have a claim on public support. We have not sought to be in the Councils of the Empire but we do wish Kowloon to be and the retiring presidents in 1924 and 1928 made reference to representatives for Kowloon. I must confess that I thought they were rather progressive at the time and I take the opportunity of congratulating them on their foresight and I am now speaking on behalf of the K.R.A. I most heartily congratulate the Hon. Mr. Braga and the Hon. Dr. Tso on their being made members of the Legislative Council.

Support Promised

For those of us who may form the new Committee I have the authority to promise them every assistance in our power, both as members of our Association and, while we hope to preserve our separate entity, we shall keep them fully informed of our activities. Our full Committee consists of eighteen members besides those holding office—our average attendance once a month during the year has been 70 per cent; if the year has not been so fruitful as we have wished, we have aimed at the stars even if we have only hit the trees.

And I thank you kindly for the confidence and help you have given me.

Mr. Cock proposed the adoption of the accounts and report. Mr. Wylie seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The Chairman proposed that Mr. Manners should be elected President. Mr. Wong Tape seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously. Mr. F. C. Mow Fung was elected vice-president, Mr. Abraham Hon. Treasurer and Mr. C. E. M. Terry Hon. Secretary.

The following were elected to serve on the General Committee:—Messrs. C. M. Manners, F. C. Mow Fung, E. Abraham, C. E. M. Terry, E. Cock, B. W. Tape, B. Wylie, F. J. Easterbrook, W. J. Stokes, F. W. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, H. F. Un, J. M. Alves, J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., W. J. Brown, Lai In-to, E. C. Tregillus, W. Goldenberg, the Rev. J. H. Johnston and Captain C. B. Riggs.

CRIMINALS JAILED

HARBOURING TWO KIDNAPPED CHILDREN

Originally charged in connection with an armed robbery at a matchbox at Kung Hau, Shatin, on December 9, 1928, two Chinese who were discharged at the last Criminal Sessions, where they stood trial together with two other men who were convicted and sentenced, were re-arrested and yesterday taken before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

The new charge against the two men was one of harbouring two children who were kidnapped during the robbery.

After evidence had been heard, in which the story of the robbery and kidnapping of the children was recounted, his Worship convicted both accused and passed sentence of 12 months' hard labour each.

U.S. BILLS

NAVY SUPPLY PASSES BOTH HOUSES

Washington, Yesterday. The Navy Supply Bill has been passed in its final form by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives passed the Senate bill known as the Jones Bill.

The Appropriation Penalty Bill, providing more stringent penalties for infringement of the Prohibition Law, is now going to the President. Batters' American Service.

TRAMWAY CO.

(Continued from page 1.)

Shareholders will, I feel sure, want to know why this important and advantageous route which may be termed the "Queen's-road concession" was not granted to this company. In reply to that I can only say that we applied to the Government four years ago for authority to provide either a motor bus or a trolley bus service along the route in question and that Government replied (in March 1925) to the effect that Queen's-road was too narrow and that "the present tramway supplemented by jinrikishas appears to be sufficient."

Bus Service Begun

We applied again in August 1927 but received only a formal acknowledgment.

Feeling that it was only Queen's-road West that was regarded as too narrow we applied on February 24, 1928 to operate a service between Blake Pier and Tai Koo via Queen's-road Central, Queen's-road East and Caroline-road but this too was turned down.

In June last however our application for powers to run buses anywhere along our own tram routes was sanctioned. We can therefore—if it is thought desirable—run buses to and from Tai Koo, but not via Queen's-road.

An order was placed for six 25-seater buses as soon as we were certain we should be permitted to run them and these were put on the road on November 6. At the outset they operated along the tram track between Western Market and Happy Valley but, later, the Captain Superintendent of Police gave us permission to deviate somewhat from the tram track and from November 10 the buses have been maintaining a service between Wing Lok wharf and Happy Valley via Connaught-road, Murray-road, and thence along the tram track and Waichai-road.

Praya East Reclamation

Recently we have been authorised to operate buses along the new 75 feet road on the Praya East Reclamation and a further order for buses was accordingly placed last November. Compared with Queen's-road our bus route is lean but having regard to the short time we have been running and the general circumstances the Directors are able to report that whilst earnings so far are not large the results are not considered unsatisfactory.

Before leaving this section of my speech it may not be out of place to say that on the occasion of the visit of the Japanese Fleet last year—as our contribution towards the entertainment of the Colony's guests—we gave 26,000 free rides on the tramcars to the Japanese sailors.

The Company's Case

I propose to deal briefly with the subject of unfair and unnecessary competition to-day on general lines rather than with other less interesting matters in connection with your company. I say unfair competition because this company has, during its quarter of a century of operation, fully carried out its obligations. Improvements have been made and are being constantly made in the cars and track and general service; in fact, during the past ten years alone the amount of capital spent in extending the requirements of public service in this way is no less a sum than \$2,600,000. We not only carry passengers at much less than the fares specified in the Ordinance but carry them for such a long distance at a five-cents fare that no bus company could possibly achieve and remain solvent. We maintain (which otherwise the Government would have to maintain) large portions of the main roadway between Shaukiwan and Kennedy Town and in the last two years alone we have paid about \$100,000 in royalty to the Government. To those who may think that competition in public utility concerns such as gas, electricity, and transportation is good I would say that this is not the view of the ruling authorities in England to-day.

Then and Now

To those who honestly think that the doom of the tramway is imminent let me commend a fresh perusal of Mr. Bernard's speech in this room at the annual general meeting in 1926. What he told you then regarding the unquestionable superiority of tramways over motor buses for mass transportation in large towns, is just as true and unassailable to-day and I do not propose to labour this.

One point in connection with the Hong Kong situation which should be borne in mind is that for the first eight years of this company's existence no dividend was earned, but the company—consent of Kowloon's future development—was undaunted and carried steadily on. Whether this would have been the case had your Board of say 20 years ago, suspected that after building up a thriving business and after 24 years of operation they were to be attacked on the most remunerative section of their system, is doubtful. At any rate there

would have been incorporated in the Ordinance a clause which would have afforded them some measure of protection just as clause 27 of the Tramway Ordinance affords the Government and the public protection and redress in the event of inefficient or insufficient service by the company.

Footings in Kowloon

Although I am dealing with the year 1928 shareholders will be glad to know that the company has obtained—at reasonable cost—a footing in Kowloon by the purchase of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. which we commenced to operate—with the approval of the Government—as from January 1 this year. Thus we have had exactly two months' experience of working this small undertaking and shareholders will be pleased to hear that—so far—the expenses have been less and the receipts have been greater than we estimated. The fleet comprises 16 vehicles—fortunately all of one make, and a very good make—but this number will be increased "very shortly," indeed four new chassis for our Kai Tak service are due to arrive here from England to-day and we have been authorised by the Police—as soon as these new buses are available—to extend our present service in Kowloon by operating on route No. 9 which is during rush hours along Nathan-road between Star Ferry and Mong Kok Police Station. Hitherto the activities of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. have been confined to routes which did not include any part of Nathan-road.

The Accounts

With regard, now, to the accounts of the year. A new item appears for the first time in the balance sheet presented. The assets include the item "Motor Bus Account \$66,861.55." This, of course, relates to the six buses on the Happy Valley-Connaught-road route to which I have already made reference and includes in total, the depreciated value of the vehicles, their stores, equipment, etc., the working balance and sundry items.

The year, inclusive of Interest and Investment Income shown in Profit and Loss Account, has yielded a total revenue of \$1,955,914.34 and this is \$75,626.94 more than in 1927.

At the same time it will be understood working expenses also tend to increase. We have had in operation more cars and worked a larger mileage than in any previous year and necessarily employed more labour, and, in keeping with the requirements of the continued efficiency of your undertaking, a very full repairs and renewals programme has been maintained.

The balance of these several increases to both sides of account is on the credit side but you will observe in the depreciation item that for various reasons it has been considered expedient this year to charge a figure that exceeds last year's by over \$17,000. After allowing \$49,176.69 for Government royalty, the net result for 1928—namely, a profit of \$970,940.85 as shown in the report of the directors—amounts, therefore, to \$11,897.43 less than in 1927.

Final Dividend

Including the balance brought forward the sum now available for appropriation, after deducting \$390,000 for interim dividend already paid and \$68,000 written-off against the item Goodwill and Construction Expenses, is \$765,789.17.

The Board recommends the payment of a final dividend of 80 cents per share, which will absorb \$520,000 and carrying forward the balance of \$245,789.17 to next year.

This, making a total dividend of \$140 per share, is the same as for the previous year.

I do not think there is anything further requiring special comment and I now beg to propose:

"That the report of the directors and statement of accounts for the year 1928 be adopted as presented and that a final dividend for the year of 80 cents per share is hereby sanctioned."

When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

"Paving Burden"

Mr. A. H. Ferguson said:—In rising to second the adoption of the report and accounts I wish to call attention to one or two points to which insufficient attention appears to have been paid. The first is the question of road maintenance. It is not sufficiently realised to what a great extent tramways relieve local road costs. Tramways are operated under an archaic Act of 1870 which requires that damage which at that time was caused by the hoofs of horses which pulled the trams should be made good by the tramway operators. In Great Britain and Hong Kong this ancient and indefensible clause still obtains and the paving of the two tramway tracks in addition to the paving of the clear-way between, and also margins of 18 inches on either side of the two tracks must be carried out and maintained by the tramway proprietors in spite of the fact that the wear and tear is caused by other (and possibly competing) vehicles. In America this anomaly has been rectified in a number of cases and relief from what is known as the "paving burden" has been obtained in many towns.

Road Surface Expenditure

In this connection my attention was recently drawn to a letter which appeared in the London "Observer" of January 13 last on the Tram v. Bus controversy and in that letter it was stated that it cost the London County Council no less than \$250 per tram per annum to maintain the surface of the streets in which their rails are laid, as compared with only about \$100 license duty paid by the bus.

In Hong Kong, therefore, since the license duty is only about \$24 per bus, I do think that in view of the royalty this Tramway Co. pays annually to the Government and the further large contribution it indirectly makes in relieving the Colony of considerable road surface expenditure, it should have been considered and consulted before any other company, when the desirability of motor buses along Queen's-road became apparent to the Government. The argument that the competition which we see to-day between the Hotel Co. and the Tramway Co. is fair competition is not tenable. (Hear, hear).

"Sense of Equality"

To be absolutely fair it seems to me the Tramway Co. should be allowed a considerable reduction in the terms of their street surface maintenance, and in the sense of equality it appears only right that in the matter of payment of royalty the bus companies and the trams should be brought more into line.

It has been difficult for me to understand why the Hong Kong Hotels, Ltd., should have obtained the Queen's-road franchise and I am glad to have your assurance, Sir, that the Tramway Co. is in no way to blame. It is only reasonable that the Hotel Co., for their patrons at Repulse Bay, should arrange transport to and from town or between their two hotels on the Island but it can see no more justification in the Hotel Co. operating buses in open and deliberate competition with the Tramway Co. (and more especially along a parallel route) than in the Tramway Co. building an hotel and competing with the Hotel Co.

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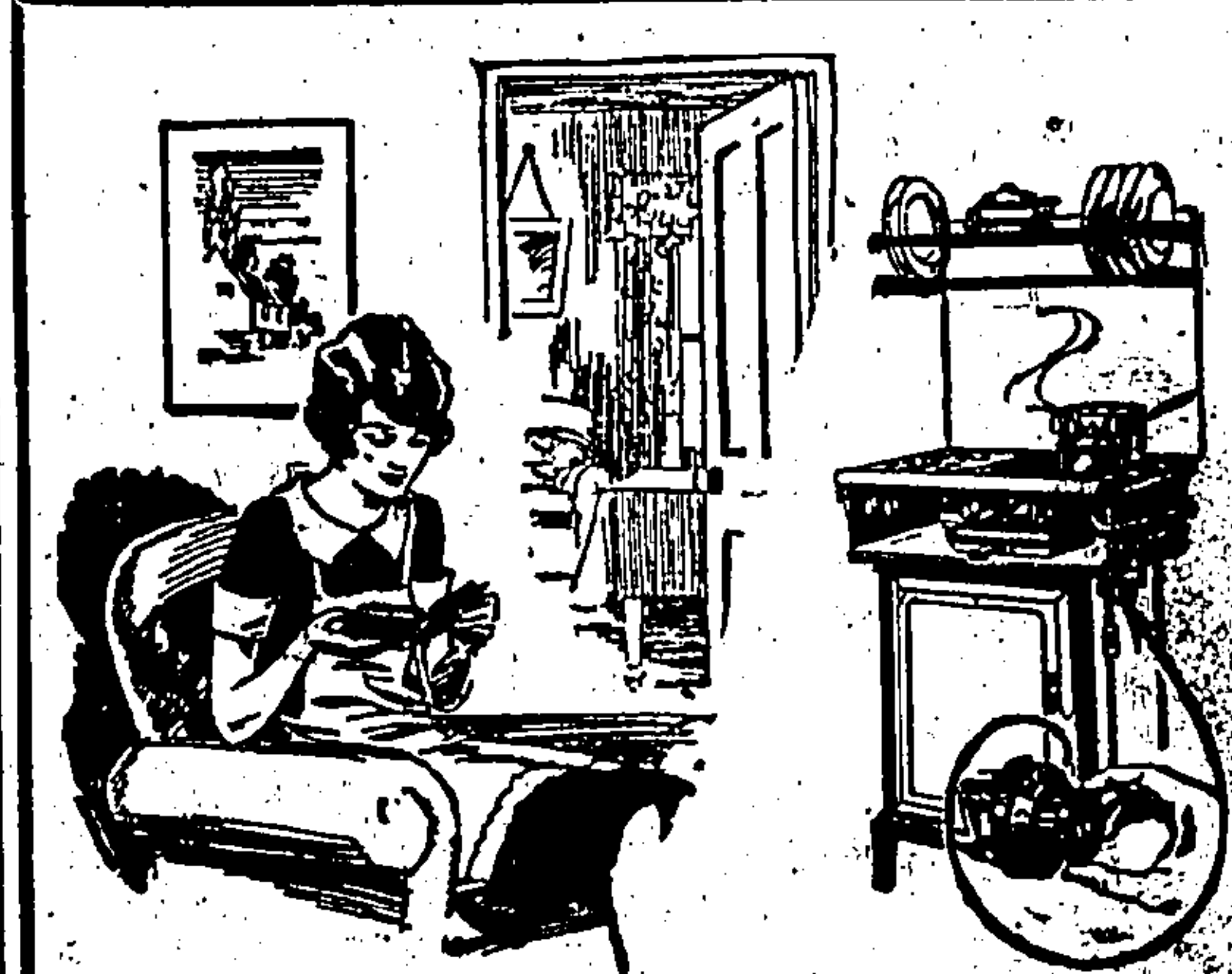
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COUNCIL MATTERS

FIVE NEW BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

REPLIES TO UNOFFICIALS

Five new Bills were read a first time in the Legislative Council yesterday after the Attorney General had dealt with their purport and the Colonial Secretary had seconded the Attorney General's motion. These were:

An Ordinance to Amend the Supreme Court Ordinance of 1873.
An Ordinance to Amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance of 1891.
An Ordinance to Amend the Law relating to the Taxation of Tobacco.

An Ordinance to Amend the Watchmen Ordinance of 1928.
An Ordinance to Consolidate and Amend the Law with respect to certain Unclaimed Balances and certain other Unclaimed Sums.

Those Present

The attendance comprised:—
H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) President, H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E.).

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.).

The Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. retired).

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. LL.D.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, O.B.E., LL.D.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

"Hsin Wah" Verdict

Pursuant to notice, Sir Henry Pollock asked:—What action does the Government intend to take in connection with the recommendations of the Coroner's Jury at the "Hsin Wah" Inquiry?

The Colonial Secretary replied:—1. The present system of communications, by telephone, telegraph and wireless, with Waglan and other similar stations is under examination with a view to the more rapid and accurate transmission of messages.

2. So far as can be ascertained no other ships keeping W/T watch were in the immediate vicinity of the "Hsin Wah" at the time of the disaster, so that on this occasion broadcasting would have served no useful purpose. Government, however, agrees that in other cases broadcasting might be of great assistance to ships in distress and steps are being taken to ensure that news received of disasters, other than that broadcast by other shore stations or ships, will be broadcast in the future.

Question of Expense

3. The Harbour Master has full authority to deal directly and promptly in such cases. On this occasion prompt action was taken in that as soon as the message was received stating that the "Hsin Wah" was aground, arrangements were made immediately to send out the tug "Taikoo" to the ship's assistance.

4. Police launches are built specially for Police work and it is not considered expedient to alter their design to that of deep sea craft. The officers in charge of these launches are competent in the handling of their launches.

5. It would be possible to keep the rescue tug "Kausing" continuously under steam at half an hour's notice but this would incur an additional expense of approximately \$30,000 annually.

The "Hsin Wah," carrying W/T but not in working order, grounded on a clear night on an island on which there was a first order light burning brightly. A repetition of this disaster is so improbable that it is not considered that this extra recurrent expenditure would be justified.

Stamp Duty on Shares

Pursuant to notice Mr. Braga asked:—Will the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer state, under separate heads, the amount of revenue collected by the Treasury on account of stamp duties in connection with share transactions in respect of—

(i) Sharebrokers' memos for cash transactions.

(ii) Sharebrokers' contract notes for forward transactions.

(iii) Instrument of Transfer for the following periods, viz.:—

(1) the year 1924,

(2) first and second half respectively, of the year 1925,

(3) the year 1926,

(4) the year 1927,

(5) the year 1928, and separately for each month, from January to April inclusive, of last year.

(6) January, 1929.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	1/11 3/4
Bank, wire	1/11 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight 2/-	—
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
On Paris—	1232 1/2
On demand	1307 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1307 1/2
On Berlin—	—
On demand	—
On New York—	48 1/4
On demand	49 1/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	132
On Bombay—	132
On Calcutta—	132
On demand	132
On Singapore—	85 1/4
On demand	96 1/4
On Shanghai—	77 1/4
On demand	106 3/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tal)	9 7/8
Silver (per oz.)	25 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2 1/4 % Prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents 6 % Prem.	—
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	32 1/4 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin 1/4 % dis.	—

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124 25
New York	4 55 1/16
Brussels	34 93 5
Geneva	25 235
Amsterdam	12 12
Milan	92 65
Berlin	20 45
Stockholm	18 16
Copenhagen	18 20
Oslo	18 19
Vienna	34 52
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 3/4
Madrid	31 94
Lisbon	109 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	816
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 3/4
Yokohama	1/10 1/4
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The rest of the local news and the latest developments in China affairs in the North are also given in full in the "Overland China Mail"—the only illustrated weekly in the Colony.

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ARTIST'S FORTUNE

EMIL FUCHS LEAVES A LARGE SUM

A New York message states that Emil Fuchs, the painter and sculptor, who committed suicide, left the bulk of his estate, worth more than \$100,000, to the public. He asked that numerous works of art should be exhibited in the United States, preferably at Washington. Mr. Fuchs was found dead on the balcony of his house in New York

on Jan. 13. He had a bullet wound in the heart. He had been ill for a long time. In a letter to his sister he said:

"I cannot stand this agony any longer. I am going to end it." Mr. Fuchs was the designer of coins and postage stamps in King Edward's reign. He lived at Abbey Lodge, in Regent's Park, where he entertained on a large scale.

Give a girl an inch and she will make a dress of it.

Sport Columns

FOOTBALL

FINE LEAGUE PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

FIGHT FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By "Rover")

The League programme for to-morrow is an interesting one again, the matches being of the exciting order and winners not easily forecasted in either Division. The match are as follows:—

Division II.

Kick-off, 3 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. Queen's Regiment.
St. Joseph's Ground, H.V. Referee:—Mr. Elder.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B. Sookumpoo. Referee:—Mr. C. Ritchett.
South China "B" v. R.A.F. Caroline Hill. Referee:—Mr. Gibson.
Kowloon v. Royal Navy, Kowloon P.C. Referee:—E.R.A. Anderson, R.N.

Eastern v. Chinese, Club ground. Referee:—A.B. Hatwell, R.N.

Division I.

Kick-off, 4.45 p.m.
Chinese Athletic v. Royal Navy. Club ground, H.V. Referee:—Capt. Austin.

Kowloon v. Club, Kowloon P.C. grounds. Referee:—Mr. Evans.
South China A.A. v. Club de Recreo, Caroline Hill. Referee:—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B. St. Joseph's Ground. Referee:—L.S. B. A. Atkinson.

The big match is the meeting of the Athletic and Royal Navy, the latter being able to field a formidable side at full strength and should be too strong for the Athletic, although the latter are playing smartly now. I think that the Navy's team, which includes Macgregor, Tilley, Jones, Peacock, Kernick, Barkham and Evans will be the strongest they have fielded this year; and I certainly think they should not be behind at the final. Navy should secure the points. Athletic won the last match.

South China face the Club de Recreo at Caroline Hill and this also should be a fine match, with South China striving desperately to hold their lead. Much will depend on the side the Recreo can field as at full strength there should be very little between the teams. South China have introduced changes forward which have promised well, the outside right showing promising form, but the side is on small lines and only their speed and cleverness are responsible for their bright record to date. South China won the last match at King's Park, but Gosano was away, and if the Interport centre forward turns out it will be a great fight with a draw possible.

The R.A. meet the K.O.S.B. in spite of the form of either team, before these Regimental matches, when they meet it is usually a case of "Greek meeting Greek" and a hard game to the final whistle. To-morrow's match should be no exception to the rule, and if the Borderers do secure the points, as expected, there will be very little in it. Anyhow, I fancy the Borderers, who play bright snappy football, and their speed should just give them the advantage and points.

The meeting of the two senior civilian British Clubs at Kowloon is another case of local rivalry and meetings between the Clubs are always of the keenest nature. Kowloon are having a lean season with occasional good displays and the Club's form is similar. Both teams' great weakness is forward, and in a low scoring match, which is probable, the Club ought to get home. McKelvie will go forward to strengthen the attack as Kowloon halves are playing well. Easterbrook being a favourite in Sim's place at the Railway ground. Kowloon have no chance in the

League, but are concentrating on the Shield matches, where they hold a big record and hope to sustain their reputation as Shield fighters of former years. The Club have not gathered many points from Kowloon and to-morrow they will have to go the whole course, but the match should be a good one.

This junior programme is interesting as the Queen's, the K.O.S.B., and the Navy, all have worthy opponents, but all three leaders should win their matches. The points in this division should go to the Queen's, the K.O.S.B., South China "B", Royal Navy, and Chinese Athletic.

League Tables To Date
The League tables are in an interesting position, the struggle for premier position still being maintained. The positions of the Clubs at present are as follow:—

First Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China	14	10	2	2	29	14	22
Queen's	16	9	3	3	40	13	21
Police	16	9	3	3	23	15	21
Athletic	13	7	5	1	20	18	19
K.O.S.B.	13	5	5	3	32	19	13
Royal Navy	14	6	3	5	28	21	13
R.A.	12	6	0	6	20	24	12
Recreo	14	4	3	7	35	33	11
Kowloon	14	3	5	6	11	21	11
H.K.F.C.	13	2	5	6	18	35	9
Small Units	16	0	1	15	9	62	0

Second Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	16	13	1	1	66	14	27
K.O.S.B.	16	12	1	2	71	17	25
Queen's	14	11	2	1	53	14	24
Athletic	12	8	1	3	27	13	17
R.A.F.	17	6	3	8	35	38	14
St. Joseph's	16	6	2	8	24	29	14
S. China "B"	16	6	2	7	24	35	14
Kowloon	16	5	5	7	17	45	11
Eastern	14	3	5	6	22	31	11
R.A.	14	4	2	8	23	46	10
Recreo	16	2	10	20	48	10	6
S. China "A"	17	1	8	18	18	38	10
Small Units	18	3	4	11	23	67	10

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

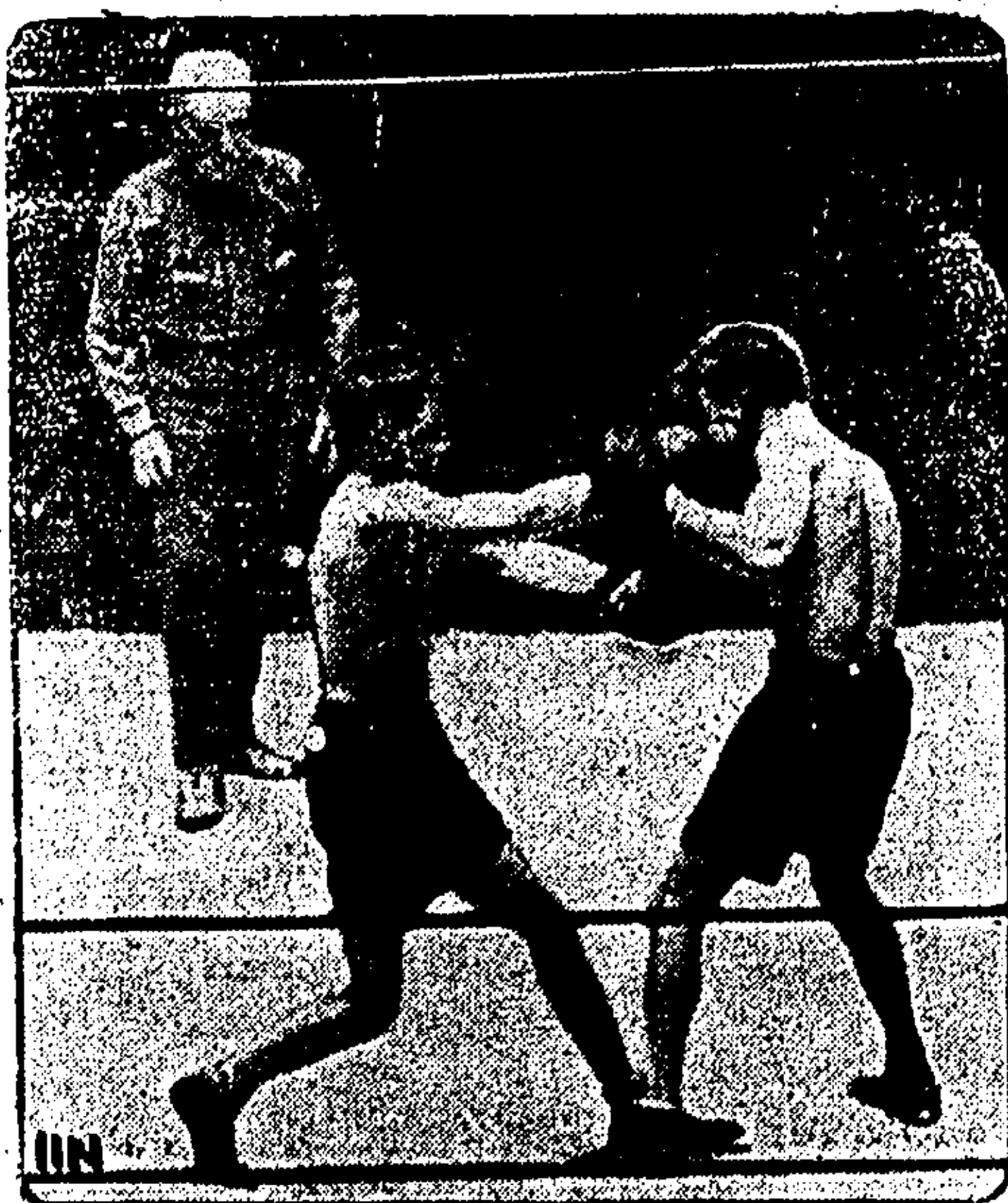
Kowloon v. Club
Kowloon.—Angus; Robson, Pile; Bliss, Easterbrook, Downman; Eastman, Hedley, Spary, McKelvie, and Miles.

Club.—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride (Capt.), Stewart, Watson; Reid, Alexander, Wallington, Scott and Trambitzky.

Kowloon Reserves v. Royal Navy Reserves
Kowloon.—Angus; Moore, Hast; Davies, Campbell, Seddon; Hannan, McIntyre, Moss, Morgan, and Waddington.

Royal Navy v. Chinese Athletic
Royal Navy.—Brockman; MacGregor, Baker; Tilley, Evans, Jones; Barkham, Pirth, Peacock, Kernick, and Bowles.

Promising Lightweight



Jimmy McLarnin, a promising lightweight boxer (seen on left) defeating on points Joe Glick of New York in a 10 rounds' bout at Madison Square Garden.

Chinese Athletic.—Chan Sik-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat; Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Sek Pui-tin, Lai Wai-koon, Wong Pak-cheong, Suen Kam-shun, and Chan Kwong-lu.

South China v. Club de Recreo
South China.—Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Lau Kau; Leung Wing-tuk, Wong Mee-shun, Leung Wing-chiu; Tsang Shiu-leung, Chur Kwong-lun, Fung King-cheung, Lau Mau, and Ip Pak-wa.

Club de Recreo.—Batra; Sousa, Xavier; Silva Netto, Remedios, Assumpcao; B. Gosano, Ward, A. Gosano, Rocha, and Brown.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

United Services Junior Contests

The results of the junior contests in the United Services football competition, yesterday, were as follow:

K.O.S.B. 4, S.L.I. 1.
H.M.S. "Bruce" 3, R.A.F. 1.
R.A. 2, H.M.S. "Herald" 0.

HOCKEY

K.B.S.F.P.A. TO PLAY IN MACAO

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association in a hockey match against the Macao Hockey Club on Sunday:

Gregory, Machim, Angus, Davies, Whitley, King, Hirst, Gregory, Francis, Weill, and Pearne.

Reserves: Johnson and Chester.

AUSTRALIAN TURF

FAVOURITES FOR COMING RACES

Sydney, Feb. 21.
The following are the favourites for the Newmarket Handicap (8 furlongs) at the forthcoming Victoria Racing Club meeting: Mollison, Gotric, Figure and Kuruma (owned by the Aga Khan).
For the Australian Cup (2 1/4 miles) at the same meeting the favourites are: Mondia, Some Quality, Burnswang and Imperial.—"Singapore Free Press."

ENGLAND'S FIRST TOTE

London, Feb. 21.
The first totallator is now being built, Hurst Park having the distinction of being the pioneer.—"Singapore Free Press."

U.S. BOXING

SHARKEY DEFEATS YOUNG STRIBLING

DEMPSEY AS PROMOTER

Miami, Feb. 27.
In an eliminator contest for the world championship, Jack Sharkey won on points against Young Stribling.

The bout, over ten rounds, took place at Flamingo Park.

30,000 spectators were present and receipts totalled \$80,000, so apparently Dempsey's first promotion venture has been successful.

The fight however was more a rough house than a boxing match. Stribling won the first two rounds, but the Bostonian soon solved his opponent's style, and neither gave any quarter. Wild swings were common, many of them dangerously low. Stribling was spitting blood in the third round but three times with clean lefts to the jaw nearly felled Sharkey, who however scored more frequently.—Reuter's American Service.

LAWN TENNIS

FINCHER BROTHERS WIN H.K.C.C. TIE

There were only two matches in the Open Championship events on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon when the tournaments were resumed after a short break.

The results were:—
Open Doubles.—E. C. and E. F. Fincher beat H. Owen Hughes and O. E. C. Marton 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; Lieut. Hale and F. A. Redmond beat Ho Wah-ling and Chiu Tsun-chiu 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Club Championship.—R. K. Valentine beat J. A. Summers, 8-6, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles.—H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie (owe 4/6) beat C. A. L. Plummer and J. S. McEachran (owe 3/6) 7-5, 6-4.

To-day's Games

The following is the programme for this afternoon:—

Open Singles.—Lai Kwong-tsun v. Y. Sajiki; Luk Ding-cheung v. Chiu Tsun-chiu.

Open Doubles.—Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau v. Y. Yvanovich and C. Barretto; Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham v. Horace Lo and Lu Tak-cheuk.

Club Championship.—H. Owen Hughes v. J. Barrow.

Handicap Singles "A".—Very Rev. Swann (owe 2/6) v. Lieut. D. Smith (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Singles "B".—A. H. Penn (rec. 2/6) v. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 16/2).

Handicap Doubles.—T. H. King and Major C. Willson (scr.) v. C. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward (rec. 4/6).

LONDON'S OLYMPIA

NEW OWNERS TO SPEND £2,000,000

London, Feb. 28.
Olympia, the largest exhibition hall in England, passed yesterday into the hands of new owners who have decided upon plans for a further extension and a renewal of the building which will take over a year to complete. The estimated cost is about £2,000,000. When his work is finished, Olympia will, it is stated, be the most up-to-date building of its kind in the world. The extensions will be carried out without interfering with the events of the coming season, such as the Royal Tournament, the International Horse Show and the Motor Show, which as usual will be held at Olympia.—British Wireless Service.

AFTER THE RACES

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GARDENER'S FATE

DONE TO DEATH IN KOWLOON TONG

DOGS RAISE ALARM

Mystery at present surrounds the murder of a Chinese at old Kowloon Tong yesterday afternoon.

The first intimation of the affair was given to the Police by Ping Chau, a gardener employed at the Luk Fung Sang garden. He said that at about 6.30 p.m., yesterday, his attention was attracted to the furious barking of the dogs at Eli Cottage.

Together with another gardener, Ping Chau went to investigate. In the kitchen of the Cottage they found Chan Siu (38) the gardener employed at the place, lying on the floor. There was a piece of cord tied tightly round his neck, and there was a wound on his head.

The man was still alive when Ping Chau and his companion got to the Cottage, but died before the arrival of the police who were immediately sent for.

Eli Cottage was unoccupied at the time of the outrage and Chan Siu was the sole caretaker. The motive of the crime is at present unknown and from appearance robbery was not committed, although the investigators surmise that the assailant may have taken away some blankets and clothing.

TRAMWAY CO.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Get Together!

We are a small and perhaps unimportant community, gentlemen, but while we are here let us confine our energies to our appropriate spheres of activity. As far as I am able to judge the Tramway Co. is operating and always has operated its transportation concern admirably just as the Hotel Co. has run its hotels admirably and I suggest that these two companies and the Government get their heads together without delay to see if the matter cannot be straightened out as—prima facie—a distinct injustice appears to have been done to the Tramway Co. (Hear, hear and applause).

I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

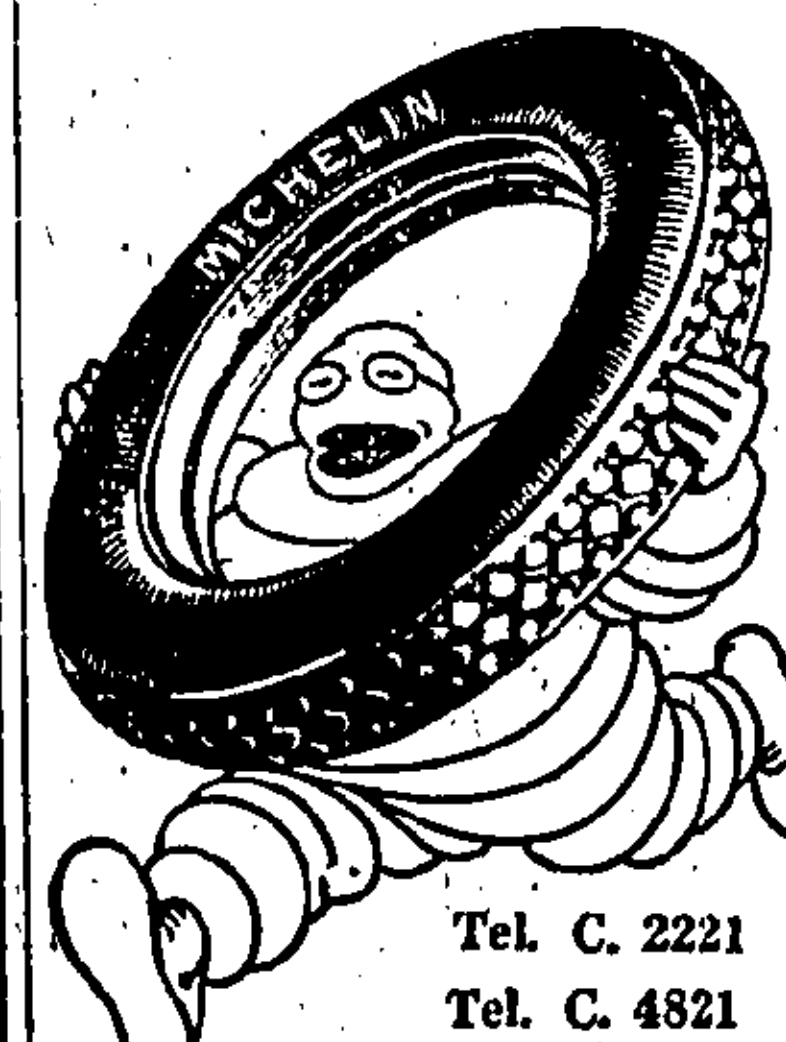
Other Business
No question was asked and the chairman's motion was carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Confirmation of appointment of Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mr. J. E. Joseph to the Board and re-election of the retiring directors, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie—proposed by Mr. J. T. Bagram, seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews as auditors, at a fee of \$1,500, until the next annual meeting—proposed by Mr. C. Mancini, seconded by Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Captain D. E. Wallace, M.P. for Hoxsey, has been appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury (unpaid) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Viscount Curzon, who succeeded to the title on the death of his father, Earl Howe.



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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Members of Floating University Entertained



The third batch of the American Floating University students arrived in Shanghai under the leadership of Dean Smith. They were warmly entertained at the Majestic Hotel by 31 local Chinese and foreign organisations. Their stay in Shanghai was very brief. The above photograph was taken at the Majestic Hotel where they had a most enjoyable time at the reception.—(Ah Fong).

Cinema Divorce Tangle



Blanche Sweet (left), movie star, has left her husband, Marshall Neilan (right), film director, as a result of learning that he figured in role of co-respondent in Jim Tully's divorce suit. In the centre is Mrs. Margaret Tully, who is accused of being too friendly with Neilan.

Promoted to Rear-Admirals



Captains George Tucker Smith and Robert M. Kennedy (inset), U.S.N., both on duty with the Naval Examining and Retiring Board in Washington, have been promoted to the rank of rear-admiral. Both have had long and distinguished naval careers.

Phantom Finn Sets a World's Record



Paavo Nurmi, the flying Finn, photographed at the finish of 8,000-metre race in the Brooklyn athletic meet in Thirtieth Regiment armoury. He clipped 2 seconds from the former record time of 7 minutes 45.8 seconds for the distance.

Stowaway Bride



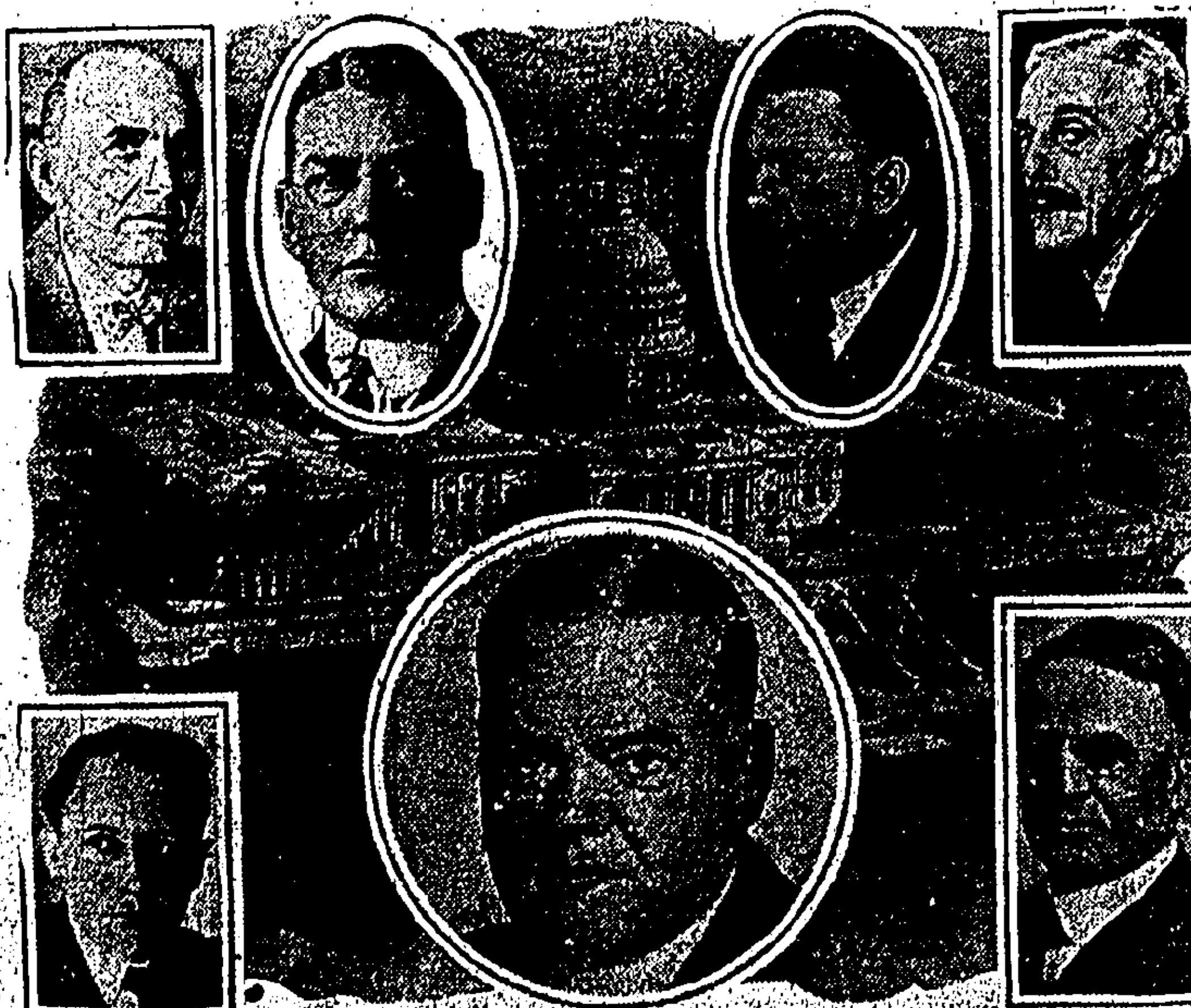
Unable to ensure a separation from her husband, a sailor aboard the s.s. "Mongolia," Mrs. Frances Belden (above), secreted herself aboard the vessel and was not discovered until the ship put into Balboa, Canal Zone. She is shown as she arrived in New York on the liner "Virginia."

Scientific Quest



The yacht "Cutty Sark," owned by former Governor Gifford Pinchot (inset), of Pennsylvania, which will soon sail in search of rare specimens of deep sea fish under auspices of the Washington, D.C., Museum. Mr. Pinchot will accompany the expedition and supervise its work in tropical waters.

Tentatively Named for Cabinet



Among those deemed most certain of portfolios in Mr. Hoover's Cabinet are, at top, William M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture (retained); Curtis D. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy (retained); William J. Donovan, Attorney-General; and Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of Treasury (retained), and below, Julius Klein, Secretary of Commerce, and Dwight W. Morrow, Secretary of State.

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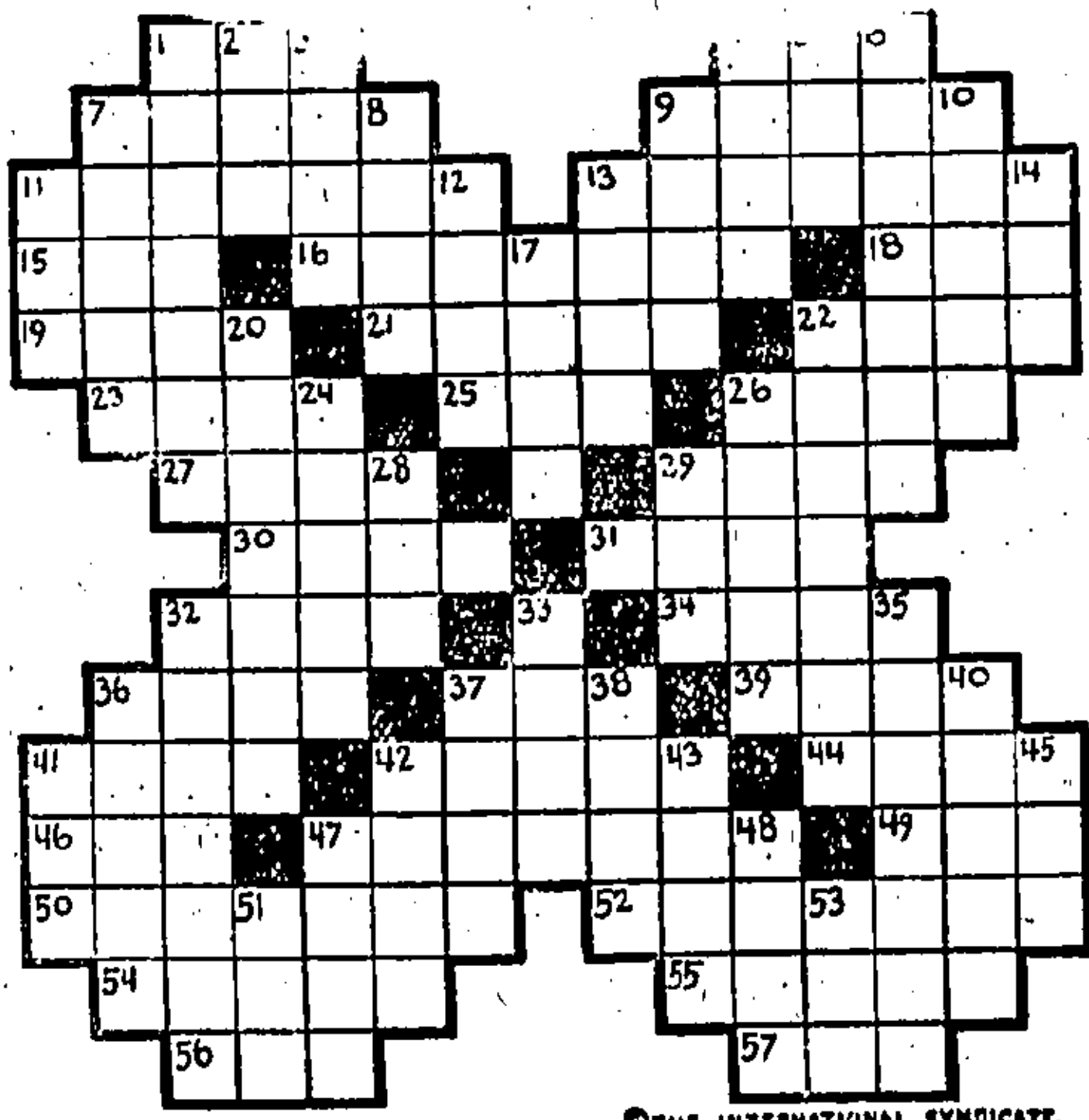
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as hatter, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Capture, as game
- 4-Flying mammal
- 7-Sprite
- 9-Covers
- 11-Poem by Sir Walter Scott
- 13-Great waves
- 15-Exhibit
- 16-Explosive shell
- 18-Meadow
- 19-Spring for holding papers
- 21-Part of ship (pl.)
- 22-Vehicled
- 23-Pretend
- 25-Childish name for parent
- 26-Procedure
- 27-Receive as a reward
- 29-Peruse
- 30-Disturbance of the peace
- 31-Tug
- 32-Fixed look
- 34-Base of toilet powder
- 36-Shut up
- 37-Depress with fear

VERTICAL

- 1-Obstacle to progress
- 2-Silk
- 3-Cricket
- 4-Large bundle
- 5-Be afflicted with pain
- 6-Fished with rod and reel
- 7-Declines
- 8-A royal house of England
- 9-Covers
- 10-Cleanse
- 11-Prefix to Scotch surnames
- 12-Want
- 13-Hairless
- 14-Dark-colored
- 17-Tidy
- 20-Pears collectively
- 22-Stock fast in mire
- 24-Type of corn
- 26-Biblical word supposed to indicate a pause
- 28-American poet
- 29-Grove
- 32-Attire
- 33-Ancient
- 35-Brown cake
- 36-Outer garments
- 37-Clothed
- 38-Broad
- 40-Slumber
- 41-Affirmative
- 42-Roll up
- 43-Magnifying glass
- 45-Guided
- 47-Scottish highlander
- 48-Tropical fruit
- 51-Small
- 53-Busy insect

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS

ALBANI

STORY OF RUSSIAN CROSS

On October 14, 1911, Albani made her farewell appearance at the Albert Hall, London. She had made an operatic debut at Covent Garden in 1872. To-day she is a Dame of the Order of the British Empire, spending the evening of her career of glory in retirement at the age of 78. In a Sydney Jeweller's



Marion Davies, noted on the film.

shop lies a Russian Cross. Once it belonged to Dame Emma Albani, and it was given her by Czar Alexander of Russia, father of Nicholas II, murdered by the Soviet leaders. Albani appeared at a famous State concert in St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), and the Czar, in recognition of the beauty of her voice, gave her the cross. The cross is of beautiful workmanship, and is valued at over £2,000. There are 10 large, quality-cut diamonds, weighing in all 15 carats, and an enormous Oriental pearl of 33 grains, studded in it. It is wrought of silver, with gold backing, and is 2 inches long and 1 1/4 inches across.

Later on the cross passed to another singer, Madame Martinengo, who died intestate recently in Auckland (New Zealand). It will now probably be sent to Christie's, the famous London art dealers, but meanwhile it will be exhibited in Sydney. Madame Martinengo was once a singer of note. She came to Australasia with the Brescians, a group of artists connected with West's Pictures, in the early days of film entertainments, and, on retiring from the stage, settled in Auckland with her husband, who was a leading orchestral player.

LOVE-WAR-HATE

NORMA TALMADGE AT THE QUEEN'S

A WAR EPISODE

Love, War and Hate are all well blended in "The Woman Disputed" which started its run at Queen's Theatre yesterday and will continue until to-morrow.

The leading roles are well sustained by Norma Talmadge, Gilbert Roland and Arnold Kent in a love triangle in which the girl finds herself loved by two young Army officers—one an Austrian and the other a Russian.

At first she succeeded in retaining the friendship of both without offending either, and even made the two men continue their friendship for each other.

Then came war between Austria and Russia and both young officers were called away to their regiments. Then the girl could not conceal further her love for the young Austrian and promised to marry him. When the Russians captured the town in which the girl lived she was shamefully treated by the Russian officer whom she once regarded as a friend. The Austrians occupied the place the following day, however. Nika, the Russian officer was killed in the bombardment of the town, and finally the girl was reunited with Paul, her Austrian lover.

RUSSIAN PIANIST

BRALOWSKY FOR AUSTRALIA

Recent news from London confirms that previously published—that Alexander Brailowsky, the Russian pianist, is to tour Australia this year. This distinguished artist is described as one of the foremost of the younger pianists, and one whose vision finds scope for the new as well as the old, so that



Lupe Velez, Mexican cinema actress.

he plays the music, not only of Beethoven, Mozart, Schumann, and Chopin, but of modern writers like De Falla, Scriabin, Stravinsky, Moussorgsky, and Lisapouff. He has travelled extensively in Europe, and in 1921 made a tour in Spain and Portugal which resembled a triumphal progress. In that year, before setting out to visit the Scandinavian countries, and later South America, he gave a Chopin programme in Paris, when, it is recorded, he "played magnificently" the famous F minor Sonata, the four Ballads, two of the Nocturnes, and other pieces.

"Brailowsky, on the strength of his success here," the Paris correspondent of the New York "Musical Courier," wrote at the time, "seems certain to create a sensation in America, for not even Paderewski surpasses him as an interpreter of Chopin." It was not till 1924, however, that he was able to go to America. Since then he has repeatedly toured that country, amid all the indications of great popular success. Last year, beginning in New York in November, he travelled to the Pacific Coast, receiving highly eulogistic Press tributes at all stages of the journey. He completed this year a long European tour.



Mary Nolan, well-known cinema star.

M'CORMACK CUP

WON BY A DUBLIN MAN

Among the most interesting competitions at the Palteanu Games in Dublin was that for the M'Cormack Cup. Nothing so fine has ever been offered before in a vocal competition in Ireland. The entries were limited to singers who had already won first prizes at a recognised musical festival, yet there were 36 of them. The cup was won by Mr. Denis Cox, of Dublin, who has no rival in the interpretation of an Irish song—and who sings other songs almost equally well. The adjudicator (Mr. Harold White) explained that what they looked for in a singer were the qualities which so largely distinguish that great singer, M'Cormack. "The quality of the voice, the purity of diction and the variety of expression of M'Cormack," said the adjudicator, "have a great faculty of transmitting even base metal into pure gold."

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Claire Windsor, who may marry Grant Withers.

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